





QUERCUS VIRGINIANA


Southern Live Oak

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Rabbit resistant

 Deer resistant

 Native to N. Mexico, S U.S.

Why we love it...

Southern Live Oak is one of the few large evergreen shade trees for our hot, arid region. This broad and stately tree grows faster than most of the notoriously slow Oaks, and tolerates more soil moisture than other desert adapted trees.

Once established, it will also accept periods of drought, which means that Southern Live Oak works well in a variety of locations; from large, manicured lawns to more natural settings. In fact, this tree adapts to so many unfavorable soil conditions that its most limiting factor in the landscape is whether it has enough room to grow! Wherever it is located, this tree casts dense and welcomed shade beneath its wide canopy of leathery, dark-green leaves.



Lydia says: Young Southern Live Oaks benefit from annual pruning to thin the interior of their canopies and promote good structure. However, only 10% of the canopy should be removed each time, so pruning them is quick and easy!

Evergreen Tree: *Quercus virginiana*

Size (H x W): 40-60 feet x 40-60 feet (more commonly 20-30 x 20-30 in Tucson)

Blooms: Inconspicuous flowers in spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 0° F, USDA Zone 7

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: March

Growth Rate: Moderate to slow



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