





QUERCUS FUSIFORMIS

'JOAN LIONETTI' Patent Pending


Joan Lionetti Live Oak

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Rabbit resistant

 Deer resistant

 Native to Southern U.S.

Why we love it...

Named for the founder of Trees for Tucson, the Joan Lionetti live oak is the first and only oak cultivar that was selected and bred specifically for our unique growing conditions in the arid Southwest. *Quercus fusiformis* was once classified as a subspecies of the southern live oak (*Q. virginiana*), and the two trees are certainly very similar in appearance. However, this species is more tolerant of high soil pH, long periods of drought, and freezing temperatures.

The very first Joan Lionetti live oak was selected out from thousands of oak seedlings at our growing farm. It grew faster than the others, and had an upright form with a straight trunk and a dense, symmetrical canopy. These features, along with the tree's smaller stature, make it an ideal choice for residential or streetscape settings. Its leathery, dark green leaves are soft and fuzzy underneath, and although the tree is evergreen through even our coldest winters, Joan Lionetti live oak will briefly shed older leaves in spring to make room for fresh foliage.



Lydia says: Joan Lionetti live oak is grown from cuttings, so each specimen reliably exhibits this cultivar's exceptional qualities.

Evergreen Tree: *Quercus fusiformis* 'Joan Lionetti'

Size (H x W): 20-30 x 20-30

Blooms: Inconspicuous flowers in spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness: Hardy to at least 0° F, USDA Zone 7

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: March

Growth Rate: Moderate to slow



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