



Live Oak Tree

Live Oak *(Quercus virginiana)*

Instant ID

- When mature, reaches 40-60 feet tall with wide, arching limbs
- Often wider than tall when growing in open areas
- Dark green leaves are small and oval with a waxy appearance
- Rough bark is deeply grooved and gray in color

Native Niches

- Found along the coastal plain from southern Virginia to east Texas and south to Cuba
- Often has resurrection fern growing on larger branches alongside Spanish moss and other bromeliads (air plants)



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Plant Particulars

- The legendary warship, Old Ironsides, was made from live oak
- Takes its name from the trait of having at least some green leaves throughout the year
- Produces acorns, like all other oaks

Population Protection

- First tree in the United States to have land protected for it because of its value in shipbuilding
- Planting a live oak is a great way to provide shelter and food for native wildlife