


Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation. Your support is vitally important to our mission as we inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key is on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or the Tree Store and Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

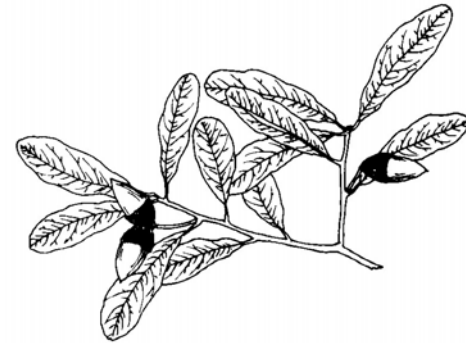
We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,



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## Leaf Identification



Live Oak  
(*Quercus virginiana*)

The **Live Oak** at maturity is a massive tree with strong, heavy wood. It reaches 40-80' in height with arching limbs that spread up to twice the tree's height. This is a broadleaf evergreen with leathery, lustrous, dark green leaves. On young seedlings, the leaves appear holly-like. The leaves are held all winter, but then shed in the spring when new leaves unfurl their buds. Crops of ½-3" long acorns are produced annually. Songbirds, quail, turkey, squirrel, and deer eat the acorns.

Live oak is adaptable to many soil conditions, but the soil must be in the acidic range. It prefers full sun and tolerates extremely, moist or compacted soil, and salt spray. The growth rate is faster when young, then moderate, slowing with age. This native tree has a long lifespan, often reaching 200-300 years.