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EAST TEXAS' LARGEST NURSERY

Southern Live Oak

Quercus virginiana



Southern Live Oak
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 95 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Coastal Live Oak

Description:

A graceful southern native variety that eventually produces massive, horizontal spreading limbs, creating a large deep shade canopy; evergreen foliage is leathery, dark green and glossy; very impressive in large landscape areas

Ornamental Features

Southern Live Oak has dark green evergreen foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up.



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Landscape Attributes

Southern Live Oak is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and squirrels to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Southern Live Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Southern Live Oak will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 95 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America.