

Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)

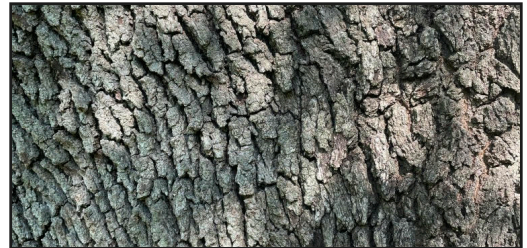
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Mature live oak tree



Leaves & acorns



Bark

OVERVIEW

The live oak is a popular choice for Dallas landscapes, and for good reason! These trees hold onto their leaves throughout the winter months, providing year-round interest and beauty. Although they are technically deciduous and shed their leaves in the spring, many people consider them evergreen because this transition takes place so gradually.

Live oaks have a moderate growth rate and small acorns—about the size of a marble. In general, live oaks are shorter than other oak species, but they boast a wide canopy that provides excellent shade and screening for large properties. With proper pruning and care, live oaks are strong, attractive trees that will last for generations.

PROS

- ✓ Shorter than other oak species, making them more resistant to wind storms
- ✓ Moderate tolerance for root disturbances and construction

CONSIDERATIONS

- ⊖ Can be sensitive to heavy ice storms due to their winter foliage