



## **Escarpment Live Oak**

*Quercus fusiformis*

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Texas Live Oak, Plateau Live Oak, Scrub Live Oak

### **Description:**

A medium sized evergreen tree that takes on a dense, shrubby form, or can be a short trunked tree with a spreading canopy; foliage is leathery, dark green and glossy; suitable as a windbreak or screen, making it valuable in urban and garden settings

### **Ornamental Features**

Escarpment 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.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Escarpment 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



*Escarpment Live Oak*  
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*Escarpment Live Oak foliage*  
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Escarpment Live Oak is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

### **Planting & Growing**

Escarpment Live Oak will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.



*Escarpment Live Oak bark  
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