PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Quercus agrifolia* Née

**GENUS** *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

**COMMON NAMES** California Live Oak, Coast Live oak, Encina

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds, Nuts, Acorns

The acorns are leached in water until the bitter tannin is removed and then ground into meal for use in breads and soup.
They can be sun dried and stored.

## DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 12 m high and spreads 10 m wide. It has branches almost to the ground. The bark is smooth and black. It becomes rough with age. The leaves are oval or round. They have a hard texture and teeth with spines along the edge. The fruit are acorns which are half enclosed in the cup.

## HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

## NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

## PICTURES



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