PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus pungens Liebm.

GENUS *Quercus* **FAMILY** Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Sandpaper oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Seeds, Nut

The gum is used for chewing gum.
The acorns are cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3-6 m tall. It keeps its leaves most of the year. The bark is light brown and flaky. The young twigs are hairy. The leaves are simple and alternate. The acorns grow singly or in pairs. They are 1-2 cm long by 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate to tropical plant. It grows between 800-2.000 m above sea level. It suits USDA hardiness zone 7.

NOTES

There are about 600 Quercus species.

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