



PLANT FACT SHEET

Quercus engelmannii Greene

GENUS *Quercus* FAMILY Fagaceae

COMMON NAMES Evergreen oak, Engelmann's Oak, Mesa oak

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum, Seeds

The gum of the bark is pounded, washed and chewed like chewing gum.
The acorns are shelled, pounded, leached and cooked into a porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 10 m tall. It usually keeps its leaves throughout the year. The bark is light grey and is thick and furrowed. The leaves are 3-6 cm long and 1-2 cm wide. The acorns are 1.5-2.5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. National Arboretum Canberra.

NOTES

There are about 600 *Quercus* species.

PICTURES



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