

VALLEY OAK

QUERCUS LOBATA



CALIFORNIA'S FASTEST GROWING OAK, VALLEY OAK IS NOT ONE TO BE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS. THE LARGEST GROWING OAK IN NORTH AMERICA, IT COMMONLY REACHES HEIGHTS OF 80-110 FEET AND CAN LIVE TO BE AS MUCH AS 600 YEARS OLD. IT IS A COMMON SIGHT THROUGHOUT OUR STATE IN AREAS WHERE IT FINDS ACCESS TO A WATER TABLE AND THRIVES IN VALLEYS, LOWER FOOTHILLS, AND RIPARIAN CORRIDORS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO PLANT A NATIVE OAK AS A LAWN TREE, THIS IS THE ONE, AS IT WILL READILY TOLERATE REGULAR WATER IF ALLOWED TO BEGIN ITS LIFE THAT WAY. (OLDER TREES ARE WILL NOT ADAPT AS WELL TO ADDITIONAL WATER AND MAY DRINK SO MUCH OF IT THAT THEY BEGIN TO SELF PRUNE IN DRAMATIC WAYS!) EVEN WHEN PLANTED YOUNG, HOWEVER, THIS GUY WILL GIVE YOU SHADE QUICKLY, OFTEN REACHING 20' IN 5 YEARS AND 40' IN 10.

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