

# Valley Oak

## *Quercus lobata*



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<b>CA Native:</b>	Yes
<b>Plant Community:</b>	Inland Coast Ranges, Sierra foothills, Central Valley; interior valleys below 5,000'
<b>Form:</b>	Deciduous Tree
<b>Size:</b>	70+' high x 70+' wide
<b>Light:</b>	Full sun
<b>Temperature:</b>	Sunset zones 3b-9, 12-24; Tolerates high heat
<b>Water:</b>	Little to no water in summer or risk disease
<b>WUCOLS:</b>	1-2 (L); 3, 5-6 (N/A); 4 (M)
<b>Soil:</b>	Prefers deep, well-drained soil; Tolerates alkalinity
<b>Flowers/Berries:</b>	Flowers spring; Acorns fall
<b>Deer resistance:</b>	Some
<b>Fire resistance:</b>	Some with proper management
<b>Wildlife value:</b>	Provides shelter and nesting sites for birds; Acorns provide food; Flowers attract butterflies
<b>Uses/Comments:</b>	Becomes more spreading with age; Twisted limbs; Outer branches may droop; May be the largest oak in North America; Do not plant near areas where falling debris will be a problem