



SOUTHERN SHADE[®] LIVE OAK

Quercus virginiana

‘Southern Shade’ is Cherry Lake Tree Farm’s trademarked name for our seedling Live Oaks. These are *Quercus virginiana*, or “Virginia Live Oak” grown from acorns. Originally and for many years, ‘Southern Shade’ trees grown at Cherry Lake Tree Farm were all propagated from acorns found under the same mother tree on the west shore of Lake David in Groveland, Florida. Today, we also use other sources for acorns for ‘Southern Shade’.

‘Southern Shade’ is the classic ‘medium-sized’ ever-green tree, usually with a short, broad trunk buttressed at the base forking into nearly horizontal, long branches, and a very broad, spreading, dense crown. We grow our ‘Southern Shade’ to conform to Florida Grades and Standards, which results in a wonderful and sturdy tree that has many uses in the landscape, such as the ultimate shade tree in the coastal Southeastern United States.

Distinct characteristics of Live Oaks are: Spanish moss draping from bows and branches; Resurrection fern, which blooms and covers trunks and large limbs like fur in rainy seasons; and when left in natural settings, Live Oak branches may swoop down to the ground; and the Live Oak wood is still prized for its strength and durability by ship builders.



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Native Origin: Southeastern coastal United States

Development:
Introduced in 1739

Description:
Hardy Range: 7B to 10B
Mature Height: 50' to 75' / 15.2m to 22.8m
Mature Spread: 60' to 100' / 18.2m to 30.4m
Growth Rate: Average
Form: Rounded and spreading
Persistence: Semi-evergreen

Ornamental Characteristics:
The acorn is dark brown to black. Leaves are bright olive green in Spring, mature to dark green.

Environment:
Soil: Clay, sand, loam; alkaline, acidic; well-drained; occasionally wet
Salt: Medium
Exposure: Partial sun to full sun



full sun



medium
salt tolerance



drought
tolerant



urban



canopy



deciduous

