

Oak, Sycamore & Walnut Trees



Engleman Oak

Native Tree Protection Ordinances

- The County of Los Angeles has an Oak Tree Ordinance.
- Many cities have restrictive tree preservation and protection ordinances.
- Prior to doing any tree trimming work, please contact either the County or the city.

Oak Trees

An oak is a tree or shrub in the genus *Quercus*, of which about 600 species exist on earth.

Oaks have spirally arranged leaves, with a lobed margin in many species; some have serrated leaves or entire leaves with a smooth margin. The flowers are catkins, produced in spring. The fruit is a nut called an acorn, borne in a cup-like structure known as a cupule; each acorn contains one seed (rarely two or three) and takes 16-18

months to mature, depending on the species. The live oaks are distinguished for being evergreen, but are not actually a distinct group and instead are dispersed across the genus.



Canyon Live Oak leaves.
© 2006 Masood Azhar

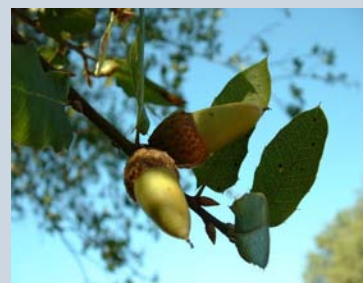
California Sycamore

Platanus racemosa is a species of sycamore tree known by several common names, including California Sycamore, Western Sycamore, California plane tree and in Spanish Aliso. It is a native of California and Baja California, where it grows in riparian areas, canyons, floodplains, at springs and seeps and along streams and rivers in several types of habitat.

This large tree grows to 35 feet in height with a trunk diameter of up to one

meter. The trunk generally divides into two or more large trunks splitting into many branches. The bark is an attractive patchwork of white, tawny beige, pinkish gray and pale brown, with older bark becoming darker and peeling away.

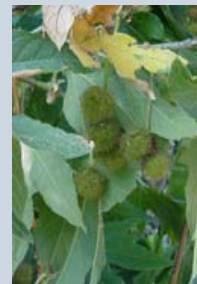
The large palmately lobed leaves may be up to 25 centimeters wide and have three or five pointed lobes. New leaves are a bright translucent green and somewhat wooly. The dangling seed balls are attractive on the tree.



Interior Live Oak acorns.
© 2002 Timothy D. Ives



California Sycamore Tree.
© 2007 Bon Terra Consulting



California Sycamore seed balls.
© 2005 Janell Hillman



California Black Walnut
(*Juglans californica*)
© 2003 Michael Charters

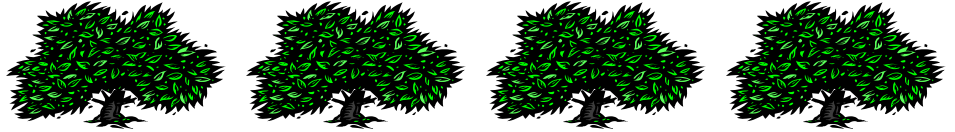
California Black Walnut

Juglans californica, the California Black Walnut, also called the California Walnut or the Southern California Black Walnut, is a large shrub or small tree (up to 30 feet tall) endemic to California.

It is generally found in the Southern half of the State, can be either a large shrub with 1-5 trunks, or a small single-trunked tree. The main trunk can fork close to the ground making it look like two trees that have grown together, then diverged. It has large, pinnately compound leaves and a small hard nut that is difficult to remove from its shallowly grooved, thick and hard shell.



California Black Walnut.
© 2007 BonTerra Consulting



Call Before You Cut

The following is a listing of Cities known to have a tree preservation and protection ordinance.

Agoura Hills	Monrovia
Arcadia	Palmdale
Bradbury	Palos Verdes Estates
Calabasas	Pasadena
Cerritos	Rosemead
Diamond Bar	San Dimas
Gardena	San Gabriel
Glendale	San Marino
Hidden Hills	Santa Clarita
La Canada-Flintridge	Sierra Madre
La Verne	South Pasadena
Los Angeles	West Covina
Manhattan Beach	Westlake Village

In addition, the County of Los Angeles has an Oak Tree Ordinance.



Southern California Black Walnut
© 2010 BonTerra Consulting

References:

"Oak." *Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 8 December 2010. Web. 8 December 2010.

"*Platanus racemosa*." *Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 7 October 2010. Web. 8 December 2010.

"*Juglans Californica*." *Wikipedia: The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 9 October 2010. Web. 8 December 2010.