

# Live Oak

*Quercus virginiana*



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The Live Oak is a South Florida **native tree** and is considered a **large size growing tree**. While Live Oaks only **grow about 1 to 2 feet a year**, the tree will mature at a **height of 50 feet or more** and spread out almost as wide. Please plant this tree in a large area, at least 20 feet by 20 feet, to allow it to reach reasonable mature size. It should also be planted at least 10 feet from a sidewalk and 20 feet from any type of foundation.

## **DO NOT PLANT NEAR UTILITY LINES**

It is recommended to plant Live Oaks at least **30 feet** from overhead utility lines.

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The Live Oak is an excellent shade tree if you have the room for it. It is an **evergreen** tree that is not too messy but does drop leaves and acorns during the fall and winter. It has a **high drought tolerance**, which means once the tree is established it shouldn't need supplemental watering. Live oaks can be planted near the beach because they have a **high salt tolerance**.

### **For More Information**

<http://fortlauderdaleforester.blogspot.com/2012/08/fw-green-thought-of-day-tree-thursday.html>

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<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/st564>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quercus\\_virginiana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quercus_virginiana)