


scrub oak [Fagaceae](#) [Quercus](#) *berberidifolia* Liebm.  symbol:

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Leaf: Alternate, evergreen, simple, oblong to elliptical, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches long, base often heart-shaped, leathery and stiff, spiny teeth, shiny green above and smooth or finely fuzzy beneath.

Flower: Species is monoecious; males in drooping 1 inch long catkins, yellow-green; females very small spikes in leaf axils, appearing with the leaves.

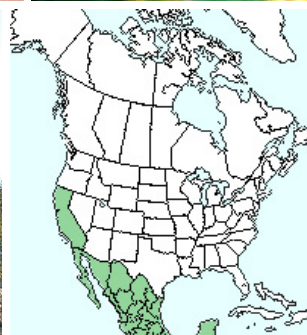
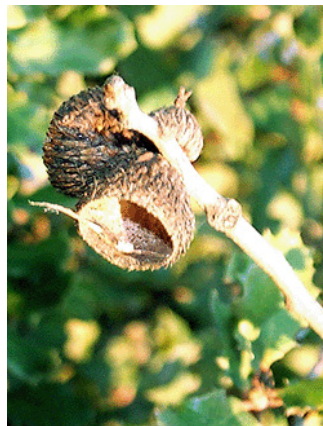
Fruit: Egg-shaped acorn, 1/2 to 1 inch long; deep, stalkless warty cap covers 1/3 of nut, ripens in 1 season in late summer to early fall.

Twig: Slender, reddish brown; buds clustered, round and pointed.

Bark: Light green-gray to gray, smooth, numerous lenticels.

Form: A large clump forming dense shrub up to 15 feet, occasionally a small tree.

Looks like: [shrub live oak](#) - [coast live oak](#) - [interior live oak](#) - [canyon live oak](#)



Native to California and west Mexico.

Additional Range Information:
Quercus berberidifolia is native to North America. It is not widely planted. [See states reporting scrub oak.](#)

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