

# Outstanding Oaks

## of Foothills Nature Preserve



Oak trees and their acorns are vital to local habitats and to the Ohlone diet.

### Golden Oaks



Acorn caps have warty scales and are hairy inside

### Canyon Live Oak *Quercus chrysolepis*



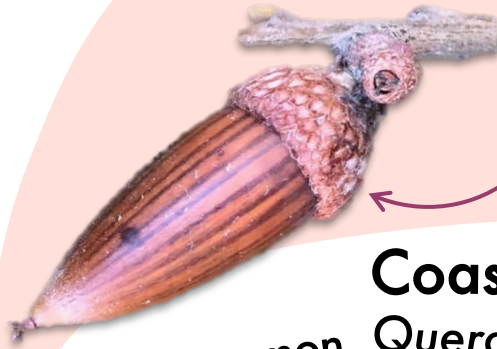
Leaves may have golden hair underneath

30-90 ft

Keeps leaves year round

Loses leaves in winter

### Red Oaks



Acorn caps have thin scales and are hairy inside

### Coast Live Oak *Quercus agrifolia*

Most common tree here



Hairy "armpits"

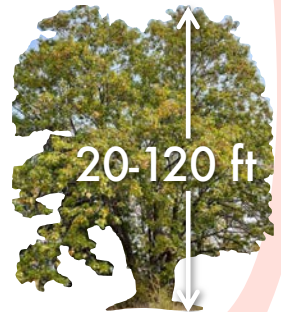
Spiny, often cupped leaves

25-82 ft

### Black Oak *Quercus kelloggii*



Deeply lobed leaves with pointy, bristled tips



20-120 ft

“ I think the best starting point for people to learn about Ohlone food is acorn bread, ... because it's one of our most traditional foods. It's a food that goes way back into the ancient, and it's one of those foods that's so pure, takes so much work, so much time, so much intention. ”

- Louis Trevino (Rumsen Ohlone)



## White Oaks

Acorn caps have warty scales and are not hairy inside



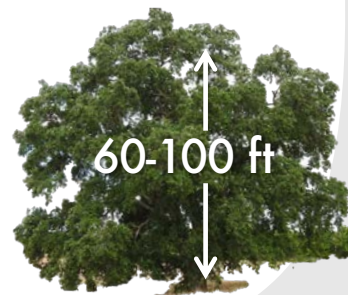
## Valley Oak

*Quercus lobata*

Deeply lobed leaves



60-100 ft



## Scrub Oak

*Quercus berberidifolia*

Leaves 1.5-3 cm long, spiny, flat to wavy

Shrub to small tree



3-20 ft

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## Blue Oak

*Quercus douglasii*

Somewhat lobed, blueish green leaves



16-82 ft



## Learn More

- "The Acorn: An Ohlone Love Story" Podcast by Outside/In
- Oaks of California by Bruce Pavlik
- Checklist of the Vascular Plants of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties
- Calscape.org
- Images from iNaturalist.org

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