Plant Propagation Protocol for *Quercus chrysolepis*ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production
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	TAXONOMY	
Plant Family		
Scientific Name	Fagaceae	
Common Name	Beech Family	
Species Scientific		
Name		
Scientific Name	Quercus chrysolepis Liebm.	
Varieties	Quercus chrysolepis Liebm. var. chyrsolepis	
Sub-species		
Cultivar		
Common Synonym(s)	Quercus chrysophyllus Kellogg Quercus crassipocula Torr. Quercus fulvescens Kellogg Quercus oblongifolia R.Br.ter 1871 not Torr 1853 Quercus wilcoxii Rydb.	
Common Name(s)	Canyon live oak, goldcup oak, live oak, maul oak, white live oak	
Species Code (as per USDA Plants database)	QUCH2	
•	GENERAL INFORMATION	
Geographical range	Portland OREGON IDAHO WYOMING NEBRASKA Denver United States VIAH COLORADO KANSAS San Dajo CALIFORNIA Las Vegas OKLAHO Phoenix San Digo Tucson El Paso TEXAS Austin San Antonio	
	Map Legend	
	✓ Canyon live oak - Quercus chrysolepis Native Range Border	
	Google Plant Maps, 2017 ⁵	

Ecological distribution	Found in the Coast Ranges and Cascade Range of southern Oregon; the Klamath Mountains, coastal mountains, and the Sierra Nevada in California; in scattered populations in southern Nevada, Arizona New Mexico, and northwestern Chihuahua, Mexico. ^{2,4}			
Climate and elevation range	Found in canyons, moist slopes, and along stream banks. ^{2,6} Below 6,500 feet elevation. ³ Precipitation ranges between more than 110 inches in the northern part of their range to less than 12 inches in southern California. ⁴			
Local habitat and abundance	In southern Oregon, it is codominant in the <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii-Quercus chrysolepis-Lithocarpus densiflorus/Quercus chrysolepis-Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> climax community type. On steep canyon slopes, it is dominant in the <i>Quercus chrysolepis-Lithocarpus densiflorus-Pseudotsuga menziesii/ Rhus diversiloba/</i> moss community. On benches and ridgetops, it, along with <i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i> , create the lower tree canopy of the <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii-Pinus</i> spp./ <i>Lithocarpus densiflorus-Quercus chrysolepis-Castanopsis chrysophylla/Pteridium aquilinum</i> community. ⁴ Canyon live oak has an obligate relationship with mycorrhizal fungi,			
	which provide it with nutrients and moisture, like most oaks. Seedlings and saplings are shade tolerant and can often be found under the canopy of older trees.			
Plant strategy type /	Somewhat resistant to sporadic fires, often re-sprouts from base or re-			
successional stage	establishing from seedlings. ¹			
Plant characteristics	This evergreen tree with round, dense crown generally grows 6 to 20 m tall, though it may grow as a low shrub in dry, open habitats. They live to 300 years. Mature bark is gray and scaly. Leaves are oblong to elliptic 2 to 3 cm long; flat, firm, with entire or toothed margins. Dark green and shiny above, pale-grayish, and covered with a yellow "felt" below. They are monoecious and wind pollinated. Acorn nuts are 2 to 6 cm long, oblong to elliptic, and mature in less than 2 years. On average, trees have high acorn production once every 2-3 years.			
	Flower March to May. ¹ Erwitz meture August and October ¹			
	Fruits mature August and October. PROPAGATION DETAILS			
Ecotype	Marin County, California			
Propagation Goal	Plants			
Propagation Method	Seed			
Product Type	Container (plug)			
Stock Type	Deepot 40			
Time to Grow				
Target Specifications	Root system: firm plug in container ³			
Propagule Collection Instructions	Collect seeds between September 1 st and December 15 th . Acorns are brown when mature. Collect when acorn base turns brown and acorn is easily removed from the cap. ³			

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Propagule	Seed cleaning: place seeds in water. Remove any that float. Collect		
Processing/Propagule	le ones that sink for treatment or moist storage. ³		
Characteristics	Seed conditions: Keep seeds moist, store in a refrigerator. ³		
D DI :: D 1	Seeds/gram: 2 ³		
Pre-Planting Propagule	Soak cleaned acorns overnight in fresh water. Remove any that float.		
Treatments	Drain and rinse in a 5% bleach solution for 1 minute, then rinse. Place		
	acorns in a plastic freezer bag with an equal amount of dry perlite.		
	Keep in refrigerator at 15°C. After 1 month, check for germination.		
	Remove and sow acorns with 1/4 inch or longer radicles. Check weekly		
	until all acorns germinate. ³		
Growing Area	Growing area: Shadehouse		
Preparation / Annual	Direct germinant sowing method: sow 1 acorn sideways and pressed		
Practices for	into media 0.5 times the diameter of seed to depth. ³		
Perennial Crops	Containers: 2"x10" tubes (Deepot 40) ³		
	Media: standard potting mix of peat moss, fir bark, perlite, and sand.		
	Do not let media dry out; keep surface evenly moist. ³		
	Protect acorns from rodents and birds by placing cages around		
	containers. ³		
Establishment Phase	The plumule and leaves do not emerge for 1 to 2 months. ³		
Details			
Length of	No information found.		
Establishment Phase			
Active Growth Phase	No information found.		
Length of Active	No information found.		
Growth Phase			
Hardening Phase	No information found.		
Length of Hardening	No information found.		
Phase			
Harvesting, Storage	No information found.		
and Shipping			
Length of Storage	No information found.		
Guidelines for	Seedlings should be transplanted as soon as first true leaves mature. ¹		
Outplanting /			
Performance on			
Typical Sites			
Other Comments	For direct seeding: plant seeds at the beginning of winter in holes that		
	are 10 inches in diameter and 4 to 5 inches deep. Add 1 gram of slow-		
	release fertilizer in the bottom covered by a small amount of soil.		
	Place 6 to 10 acorns in each hole, 1 to 2 inches deep. Cover holes with		
	cages to prevent herbivory by rodents and birds. Towards the end of		
	the first season, thin seedlings to 2 or 3 per hole, and to 1 seedling per		
	hole by the second season.		
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