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*Quercus durata*

[Synonyms : *Quercus dumosa* var. *bullata*, *Quercus dumosa* var. *revoluta*]

**LEATHER OAK** is an evergreen or deciduous shrub or tree. Native to California (United States), it has leathery dark greyish-green leaves and solitary or paired acorns..

It is also known as California scrub oak.

This tree tolerates drought. The flowers are pollinated by the wind. Fruit ripen in 1 year.

*Durata* is derived from Latin *durus* (hard, tough, strong, durable), usually with reference to the wood.

Some bonsai experts believe that California scrub oak is said to be an ideal candidate for this form of cultivation. It has also been grown as a hedge or a screen – and some authorities promote leather oak as a shade or street tree. Environmentalists have grown this tree on dry slopes where soil erosion needs to be curtailed.