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Quercus myrtifolia

[Synonyms : *Quercus aquatica* var. *myrtifolia*, *Quercus myrtifolia* f. *ampla*, *Quercus phellos* var. *arenaria*]

MYRTLE OAK is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern United States, it has glossy dark green leaves and spine-tipped, silky, blackish-brown acorns.

It is also known as *Chêne à feuille de myrte* (French), Myrtle-leaved oak, Scrub oak, Seaside scrub oak, and Shrub oak.

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

Myrtifolia is made up of the genus name *Myrtus* and Latin *-folia* (leaved) components meaning ‘with leaves like those of that (myrtle) genus’.

Myrtle oak has been grown occasionally as an ornamental plant.