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*Quercus rugosa*

[Synonyms : *Quercus ambigua*, *Quercus ariifolia*, *Quercus conglomerata*, *Quercus cyclobalanoides*, *Quercus decipiens*, *Quercus diversicolor*, *Quercus durangensis*, *Quercus macrophylla* var. *rugosa*, *Quercus purpusii*, *Quercus reticulata*, *Quercus reticulata* var. *squarrosa*, *Quercus rhodophlebia*, *Quercus rhodophlebia* f. *applanata*, *Quercus suchiensis*, *Quercus uhdeana*, *Quercus vellifera*]

**NET LEAF OAK** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to northern Mexico and south-western United States, it has glossy dark green leaves and pale brown acorns.

It is also known as *Chêne à feuilles réticulées* (French), *Encino blanco* (Spanish), and Net veined oak.

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

*Rugosa* is Latin (wrinkled).

Locally these oval acorns have provided a coffee substitute, not least in San Luis Potosi.