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Quercus sinuata

[Synonyms : *Quercus annulata*, *Quercus breviloba*, *Quercus durandii*, *Quercus durandii* var. *breviloba*, *Quercus obtusifolia*, *Quercus san-sabeana*, *Quercus sinuata* var. *breviloba*, *Quercus sinuata* f. *durandii*, *Quercus undulata*]

DURAND OAK is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to California (south-western United States), it has dark green leaves and pale brown acorns.

It is also known as Basket oak, Bastard breviloba oak, Bastard oak, Bastard white oak, Bigelow oak, Bigleaf shin oak, Bluff oak, *Carvalho de Durand* (Portuguese), *Chêne de Durand* (French), Durand white oak, Scalybark oak, Shin oak, Short-lived oak, Wavyleaf shin oak, White oak, and White shin oak.

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

Sinuata means ‘wavy-edged’ with reference to the leaves. The reference to Durand in the botanical synonyms and the common names is believed to commemorate the name of a French pharmacist and botanist, Elias Durand (1794-1873), who emigrated to America and opened an apothecary’s shop in Philadelphia in 1825 that became a focal point for his peers. Apart from collecting plants in the Philadelphia area, he funded botanical explorers and built up a herbarium which he eventually presented to the Jardin des Plantes in Paris in 1868. He also went on two expeditions when he collected swamp plants in Virginia in 1837 and other plants in the Appalachians in 1862.

In the past this very hard wood has been used for making wagon hubs, baskets, and spools, as well as the pins for cotton gins.

Wildlife enjoy the oval acorns, especially deer, wild turkeys, and quail.