A Must-Have California Native Plant!

## **Blue Oak**

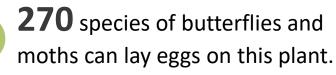
## Quercus douglasii



**Description: Blue Oaks** are mediumsized trees that grow to be 50-82 feet tall. As they drop their leaves in the fall, they nourish the soil and provide shelter for caterpillars.



Light: Full Sun / Part Shade



**Fun Fact:** "Oaks support more life forms and more fascinating interactions than any other genus in North America." Doug Tallamy

**Featured Moth:** The colorful *Elegant Sheep Moth* is often mistaken for a butterfly, as it flies during the day. Its caterpillar form is equally striking, and a valuable food source for birds.

**Keystone Plant:** This California native is a "must have" (host) plant for caterpillars, which, in turn, are the "must have" food for baby birds.

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