Garry Oak

Oregon White Oak | *Quercus garryana Douglas ex Hook.*



THE OPEN CANOPY

An oak's *living landscape*

Garry Oak's twisting branches and open crown shape a sunlit landscape. Where conditions suit them, native flowers, insects and other wildlife thrive nearby.

THROUGH THE SEASONS

Spring catkins appear with new leaves. Acorns mature within one growing season; autumn leaves turn yellow-brown.

WHERE IT GROWS

In BC, chiefly southeastern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, often on open, rocky or well-drained sites.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Coast Salish Peoples maintain living relationships with these landscapes. Stewardship practices and knowledge vary among Nations.

FIELD NOTES

RECOGNIZE IT

Look for a stout trunk, twisting branches, furrowed grey bark and deeply lobed leaves.

WHY IT MATTERS

An open oak canopy can give meadow plants sunlight where moisture and soil conditions suit them.

TREE AND HABITAT

The assessed BC oak variety is S5 (secure), but some Garry Oak ecological communities are Red-listed.

Sources: E-Flora BC; Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team; BC Conservation Data Centre.