

Quercus turbinella

Tenyiike', Chil, Encino, Sonoran Scrub Oak, Scrub Live Oak,

H: 6'-16'

W: 4'-8'

Light: Full Sun

Water: Low

Temperature: -20F

Foliage: Bluegreen, semi-evergreen

Flower: Chartreuse catkins

Native Range: Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico

Description: Thicket forming small tree or shrub typically growing to a height of 6-12 feet. Native to mountainous regions from Southern California east to Colorado and Texas, and South into Northern Mexico. *Q. turbinella* may lose its holly-like bluegreen leaves during the coldest winters, but is otherwise evergreen.

The Havasupai call this plant Tenyiike' and the Apache call it Chil. Historically, both ate the abundant acorns produced by this oak as a snack. *Q. turbinella* is adaptable to just about any soil, but grows best in sandy or loamy conditions. No supplemental water is necessary once this plant is established, but it will grow faster with the occasional summer drenching. Mountain lions hide their prey among the branches of *Q. turbinella*, so you know it would make an excellent privacy screen!

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