

HOLM OAK

Common name:

Holm oak

Scientific name:

Quercus ilex

Where it grows:

It comes from the Mediterranean area. It grows depending on how much it rains and the type of land. It's probably the most typical tree in Spain.

OBSERVATIONS

Type of leaf:

The leaves are tough, dark on top and a bit grey on the bottom. The lower branches and leaves sometimes have little spines. The leaf is long and oval, and looks the same on both sides.

Height:

It can grow between 1.6 and 25 meters tall.

Flowering:

It flowers from March to May.

Description:

It's a big tree with a round shape and lots of leaves. It can grow up to 25 meters tall. It grows slowly and takes years to grow even one meter. It doesn't need much light to live. His fruit is the acorn, which is hard and dry, with just one seed inside. Acorns are about 3 to 4 cm long.

Culinary uses:

His acorns are used to feed animals like pigs. The wood is strong and hard, so it's used to make tools and carts. It's also good for firewood.

Information

According to some religions, it is a symbol of longevity and strength, spiritual and earthly authority. It can represent strength and justice. According to the Bible, it is a place