

MYRTLE OAK

Quercus myrtifolia

GROWTH FORM: evergreen shrub or small tree that grows to 36 feet (11 m), rounded crown has crooked branches and a tendency to form thickets. **BARK:** gray and smooth, becoming furrowed with age. **ACORNS:** biennial; 1 - 2 acorns on each peduncle, goblet-shaped, pubescent gray cup covering 1/4 – 1/3 of the nut, inner surface pubescent; nut almost round, 1/4 – 1/2 inch (6 - 13 mm) long, dark brown when mature. **HABITAT:** dry sandy ridges in mixed stands of yellow pines and dry-site hardwoods; usually the most abundant species in scrub oak forests. Myrtle Oak would make a very effective evergreen hedge.



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