Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Quercus laceyi*:

**Quercus rysophylla** C.A. Weatherby  
(Quercus rizophylla)  

*Loquat Oak*

This species is also known as Loquat-Leaf Oak; it is a vigorous grower sporting an upright oval crown maturing at 40N to 60N in height; this species is functionally evergreen as the previous season’s leaves are shed as the new leaves expand in the spring.

Loquat Oak has thick large, 7O to 10O long by 2O to 3O wide, elliptic leaves with distinctive reticulate veins; this venation is an easy way to separate this species from *Q. polymorpha* with which *Q. rysophylla* readily hybridizes; superficially the leaves resemble those of the true Loquat (*Eriobotrya japonica*), hence the common name Loquat Oak; the new foliage may have a reddish cast and is pubescent, maturing to a dark olive-green color; the margins may be shallowly lobed to dentate on distal portions; small tufts of hairs may be present in the axis of the veins.

*Quercus rysophylla* is native to Northeast Mexico, but it performs very well in Texas; this species has only become widely available in the trade since the turn of the 21st century, thus the adapted range is not fully known, but plants appear to be useful in at least USDA zones 8 through 10; trees tolerate heat, sun, and drought, but tend to develop chlorosis on high pH soils.

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