

What is wet even if it's dry?



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The Tongva name for the coast live oak tree is *wet*. The acorns from coast live oak were a major food source for the Tongva people. Even today, the *wewish* (acorn porridge) is eaten by the Tongva in festival and ceremony.

COAST LIVE OAK (*Quercus agrifolia*) is one of the main woodland trees of lowland southern California. It has thick, leathery leaves all year that help resist fire. In the hot, dry summer, the tough cells in these leaves keep them from wilting and help them hold water. Even on the hottest of summer days it is still cool under the oaks in the Oak Woodlands.



So, because of its leaves, the wet is wet even if it's dry.