



Topic: Live Oak Trees are Briefly Deciduous in Spring

Question: I have an oak tree that is losing its leaves. Its two closest neighbors are also dropping leaves but not as fast. See the pictures. Anything to worry about?
Sean, North Fort Myers

Answer: The pictures tell me that all three trees are Live Oaks. It also appears that they are flowering which is a normal occurrence at this time of the year. In doing so, there is a lot of leaf loss. So much so that the trees are usually briefly deciduous, an event that goes by almost entirely unnoticed. The trees should grow new leaves in the next three to four weeks. Keep me informed if this does not occur.



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