



### **Topic: Live and Laurel Oaks Leaf Fall**

**Question:** I have a Laurel Oak and the leaves are dropping and turning a different color. There is a live Oak right next to it and it is perfectly fine. Would the recent very cold temps affect the Laurel and make it drop its leaves?

- Reggie, Estero

Answer: This is a seasonal occurrence and is not induced by any recent cold fronts. At this time of year, laurel oaks drop their leaves several weeks before their live oak cousin. Both species are briefly deciduous and more so for laurel oaks.

### **Useful Links**

[Differences between Laurel and Live Oaks](#)  
[Stephen's Webpage](#)

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