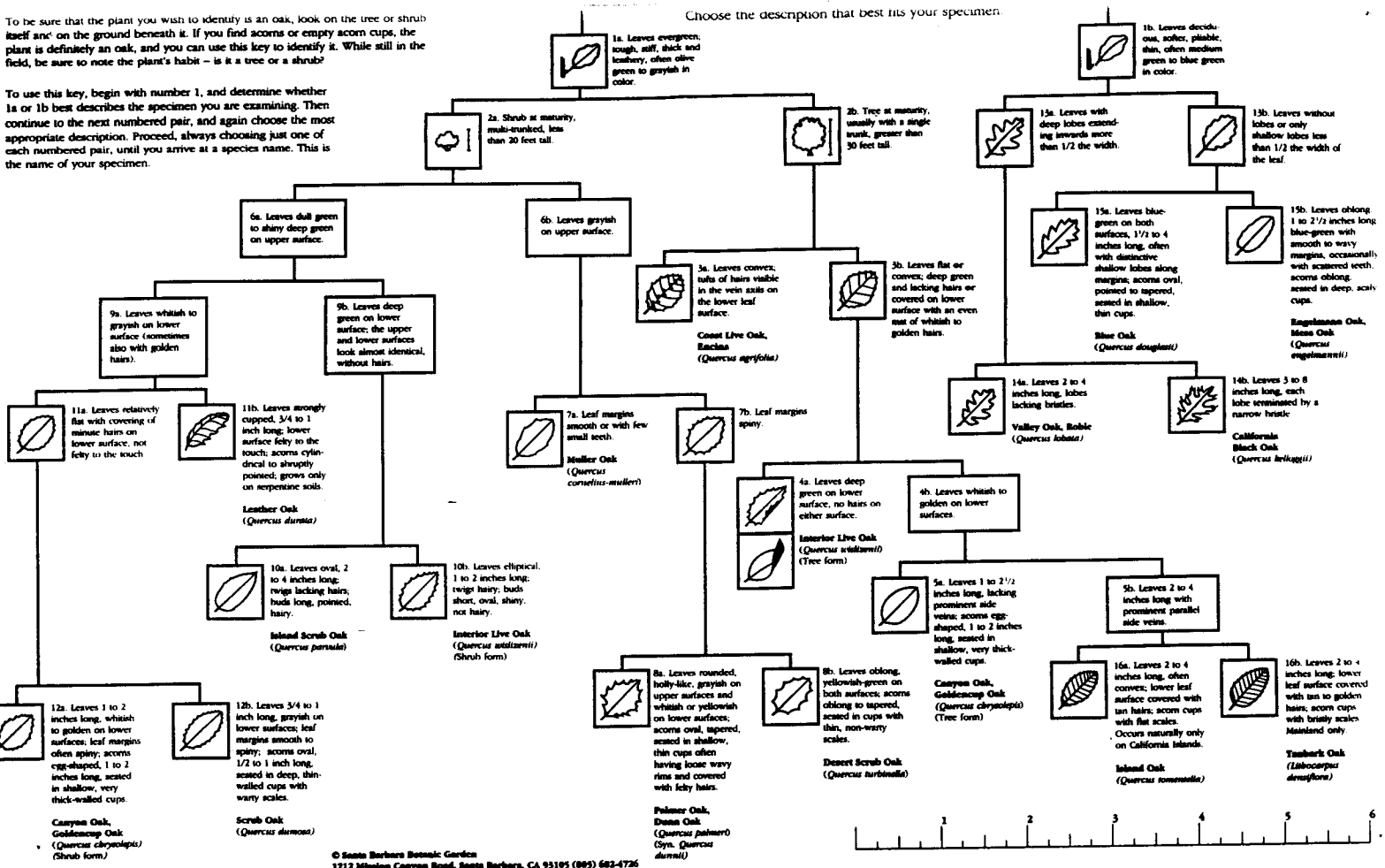
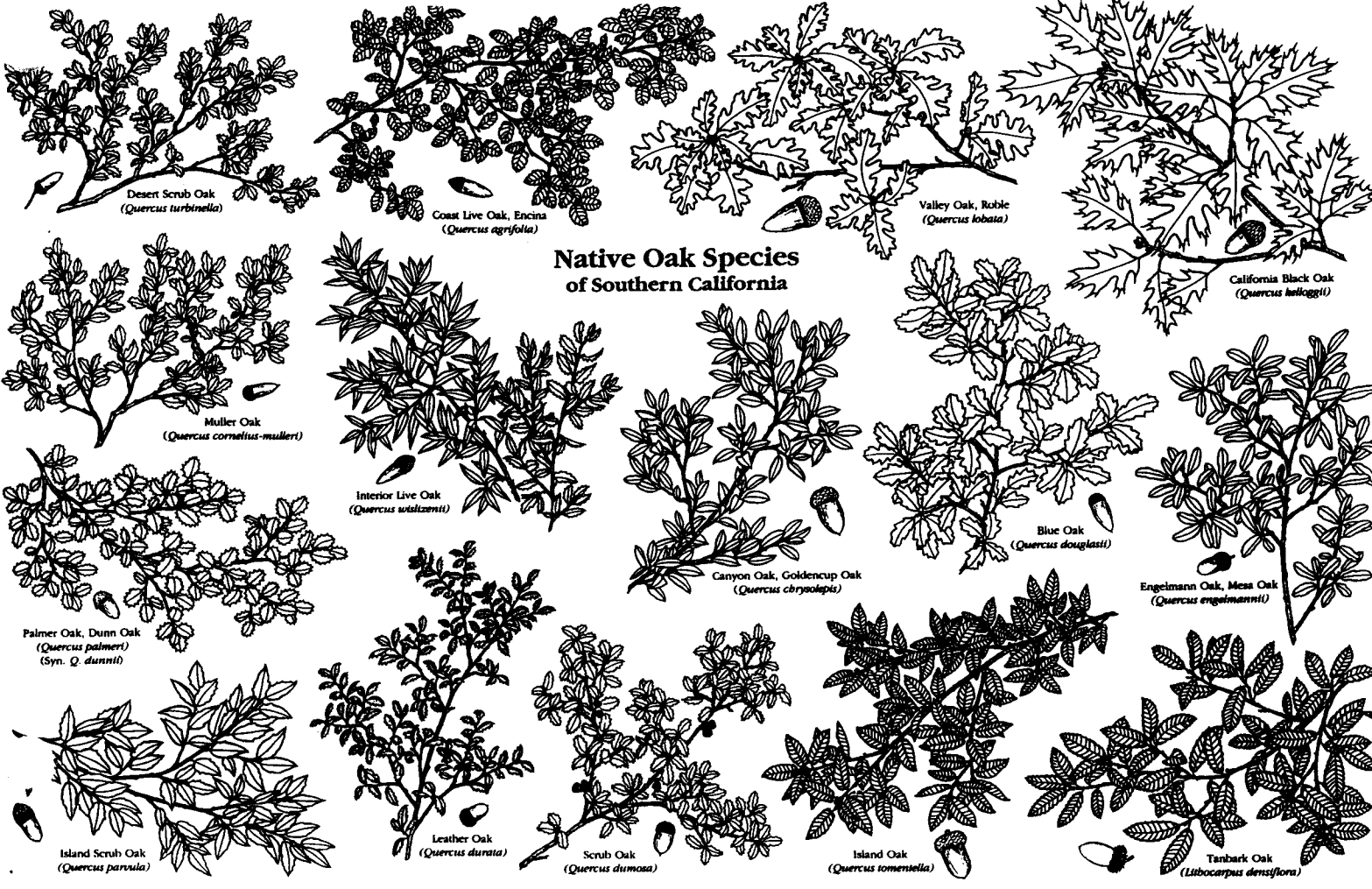


To be sure that the plant you wish to identify is an oak, look on the tree or shrub itself and on the ground beneath it. If you find acorns or empty acorn cups, the plant is definitely an oak, and you can use this key to identify it. While still in the field, be sure to note the plant's habit - is it a tree or a shrub?

To use this key, begin with number 1, and determine whether 1a or 1b best describes the specimen you are examining. Then continue to the next numbered pair, and again choose the most appropriate description. Proceed, always choosing just one of each numbered pair, until you arrive at a species name. This is the name of your specimen.



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