

# *Ilex vomitoria*

## Yaupon Holly



Yaupon Holly is a broadleaf evergreen small tree or large shrub with medium-fine texture and slow growth rate. The irregular form, rounded crown to roughly pyramidal, is characteristic of Yaupon.

*Ilex vomitoria* has a graceful attractive form with smooth gray bark. The brilliant displays of shiny red fruit in fall are the most noticeable quality, persisting into the winter. The fruit occurs only on female trees with a male tree somewhere nearby.

Yaupon Holly is used as a specimen plant, for screening and hedges, and for foundation plantings. There are cultivars with yellow, and with orange fruit. *I. vomitoria* is very much at home in a wide variety of conditions including sun to partial shade, wet to dry sites.

Height: 12' – 20', Spread: 8' - 12'