

# HOLLY YAUPON 'STOKES DWARF'

*Ilex vomitoria* 'Stokes Dwarf'



## Characteristics

- Type: Woody Shrub (Male)
- Zone: 4 to 9
- Height: 4 Feet
- Spread: 4 Feet
- Bloom: Inconspicuous white
- Bloom time: Spring
- Foliage: Dark green, glossy
- Sun: Sun/Part sun
- Water: Weekly or more often in extreme heat
- Soil: Well-drained
- Maintenance: Low

## Culture

This male dwarf evergreen shrub with tight branches creates a tidy spreading mound is excellent for low hedges, borders, or around foundations. The twiggy branches covered with fine-textured, glossy, dark green foliage take well to shearing. A tough plant that tolerates a range of soil conditions and can withstand drought or flooding. This native Holly is among the very reliable small shrubs that maintain a neat, compact habit

## Noteworthy Characteristics

Characterized by its neat compact growing habit and dark, olive green foliage, Yaupon Holly 'Stokes' is among the best of the small evergreen shrubs where it's especially useful for planting along foundations and fence lines. Native to the southeastern U.S., *Ilex vomitoria* 'Stokes' features tiny foliage on twiggy branches, so it takes well to shearing into a rectangular hedge or spheres. In the spring, it blooms small, off-white flowers, so it's a great bird-friendly shrub for any size yard. This is a tough little shrub that makes a good topiary plant or border plant. Yaupon Holly 'Stokes' loves full sun exposure and once established, is a fairly drought tolerant plant with low to moderate water requirements. It can tolerate a wide range of soil conditions, is cold hardy, and in addition to its ability to withstand drought, it can also withstand flooding.

## Problems

Verticillium wilt resistant. No insect or disease problems when planted in their native habitat. Hybrid plant with native Texas parentage. Holly leaf miner, spider mites, whitefly, and scale are occasional problems. Leaf spot, leaf rot, tar spot, and powdery mildew are potential disease problems.

## Garden Uses

Plant along foundations and fence lines, or in front of bigger flowering shrubs to cover their legs. Makes a great low-maintenance shrub for parkways, along driveway edges or in planters. May also be sheared into a rectangular hedge or spheres. Pair with female Yaupon Holly for a significant yield of berries for a bird habitat.