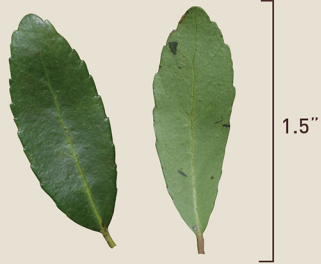


Female

Male



Height range 15-30'



Yaupon

Ilex vomitoria

The Holly Family (Aquifoliaceae)

Basic Description: Yaupon is a small, sometimes multi-trunked tree or shrub with alternate, evergreen leaves.

Interesting Facts: The leaves of Yaupon can be dried and made into a caffeinated tea. Native Americans made an especially strong tea called the Black Drink and used it as a purgative in special ceremonies.

Flower: All flowers are white with 4 petals and about .5" in diameter. Male flowers are found in large clusters on a separate tree. Female flowers are single or in groups of 2 or 3.

Fruit: Shiny, bright red drupe about .5".

Wildlife Value: The twigs and leaves are browsed by deer and the fruit is eaten by many birds, raccoons, and black bears.

Habitat: Grows in a variety of soil conditions and is found in many habitat types from wetland edges to dry pine forests.

LEAF TYPE	POLLINATOR	WILDLIFE VALUE
SIMPLE	INSECTS	MEDIUM
		