Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly

Ilex vomitoria 'Schilling's Dwarf'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Description:

Makes a great accent or rock garden shrub; this is a male cultivar and produces no berries; excellent maintained as a hedge; does best in evenly moist, acidic soil but is drought tolerant; shows salt spray tolerance

Ornamental Features

Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges lime green in spring. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

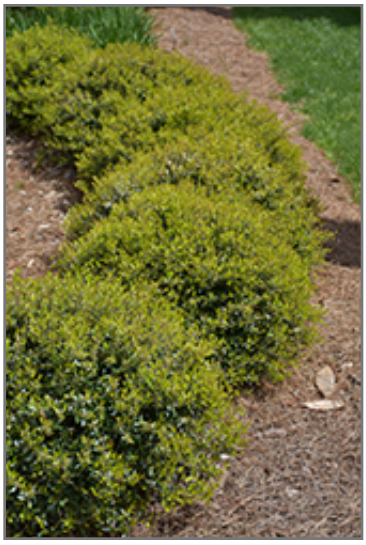
Landscape Attributes

Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly
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Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly foliage
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Planting & Growing

Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Schilling's Dwarf Yaupon Holly makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.