

# Ocala/ Florida Leucothoe



**Native plant that grows quickly in the shade and is fragrant!**

## ***Agarista populifolia***

- **Use:** This Southeastern native is perfect for foundation settings where a tightly pruned shrub is not wanted. Arching branches rise from multiple stems and give a soft, informal appearance. Creamy-white, fragrant flower racemes appear in May and June beneath shiny narrow leaves. Also useful as an understory planting in woodlands, in moist shade along streams and for screening in shade. Disease- and pest-free; dependable and easy if sited well.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to shade. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year.
- **Growth:** Arching habit to 8-12' tall. New growth can be 4' in spring. Watch watering during this growth period.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 6 - 10, shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen shrub with bright green color.
- **Flower:** Wild honey fragrance as the white flowers (racemes) come into bloom in summer.