

Fetterbush



Lyonia lucida

- **Use:** An upright somewhat arching evergreen shrub with glossy leaves that have a vein along the smooth leaf edge. It grows in damp acid soils in the southeastern U.S. from Virginia southward. The plants produce small white or pink bell-shaped flowers in spring. Plant in moist acid soil in sun or semi-shade and mulch with pine needles. Plants may be rejuvenated and made more dense by hard pruning in spring. "While many plants in the Lyonia genus are poisonous if ingested, Lyonia lucida is not known to be poisonous. However, many Lyonia spp. can cause irritation or a rash if sap comes into contact with the skin. Therefore, most Lyonia spp. are considered moderately to highly allergenic."
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun to partial shade; In the wild, this shrub grows in bogs and swamps and tolerates soils that are periodically flooded and poorly drained, but it seems to appreciate less soil moisture and better soil drainage when grown in home landscapes. Native to southern U.S.
- **Growth:** Grows 3-6' tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-9 large shrub or small tree
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Attractive foliage is glossy-green and leathery.
- **Flower:** Shell pink to pinkish white flowers in early spring on previous season's growth . FRAGRANT!



Forest or natural areas in moist woodlands and in landscape cultivated as ornamental woody shrub