

Fragrant Valley™ Sweet Box



- Fragrant Flowers in Spring
- Deep Green Evergreen Shrub Grows in Shade
- Easy-Care and Hardy with correct conditions
- Urban Tolerant
- Bird Friendly, but Deer Resistant



Sarcococca humilis 'Fragrant Valley' PP19942

- **Use:** A beautiful shrub for shady areas! White spring flowers are small, but very fragrant. Does well in those challenging north-facing spots in shade. It handles urban conditions, such as compacted soils (not clay), road salt and smog. Use in foundation plantings, in containers, or near a path or doorway you use often so you can enjoy the scent.
- **Exposure/Soil:** WHILE WE LOVE SARCOCOCCOCCA- IT IS NOT A PLANT FOR BEGINNERS. THEY MUST HAVE GOOD SOIL AND EXCELLENT DRAINAGE. MORNING SUN/AFTERNOON SHADE (OR FILTERED ALL DAY SHADE) IS ALSO A MUST IN GA. Follow a regular watering schedule during the first growing season to establish a deep, extensive root system. Honestly, without an irrigation system you can lose them in the summer. Feed with a general purpose fertilizer before new growth begins in spring. Soil must be amended with a rich organic matter or peat based soil. **Will not tolerate red clay.** For a tidy, neat appearance, shear annually to shape. Prune after blooms have faded. Be gentle with rootball when transplanting.
- **Growth:** Slow growing; reaches 2 ft. tall and 4' wide. This slow grower spreads by suckering and has narrower longer leaves than other forms of the species.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Shrub very cold hardy.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. It has rich evergreen leaves that cover the bush all year. This variety has larger and broader leaves than other selections.
- **Flower:** In late winter through early spring, tiny, white (with pink tips), fragrant flowers emerge. While they aren't showy, they will perfume your air with a fantastic, Hyacinth-like scent. In some areas, a very attractive, glossy black fruit will develop in late summer. Local songbirds love the little black berries that develop against the dark green foliage. Berries hang on plants for months before birds enjoy them in fall and winter.

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