

Dwarf Little Leaf Euonymus

(*Euonymus fortunei*)

Native Range: East Asia

Sun/Shade: Part shade to full sun

Landscape Use: This small evergreen shrub has dark green leaves and makes a nice two to three foot evergreen shrub. It naturally grows more upright than round but can easily be trained into any formal shape. The leaves look like Japanese Boxwood, only darker green. Should be used much more but Dwarf Yaupon Holly has dominated its size category. Gives darker, richer, green color than Dwarf Yaupon Holly but is too early to tell if it is as drought tolerant as Dwarf Yaupon Holly.

Container Use: Makes nice greenery for pots.

Size: 2' to 4' tall and 2' wide

Deer Resistance: Not enough information yet.

Drought Tolerance: Moderately drought tolerant but looks best with occasional watering.

Soil: Not particular about soil as long as it drains well and does not remain constantly wet. Does well in rocky soil or even better with soil enhancement.

Water: Smart Watering Principle=Water well when first planted then allow to dry slightly, without wilting, then water deeply again, etc. Easy Watering Principle= Water every day the first week; every second day the second week; every third day the third week; every fourth day the fourth week; every fifth day the fifth week. A soaking rainfall should last for about two weeks worth of watering. Do not keep constantly wet.

Fertilizer: Looks even better with regular fertilization.

Maintenance Tips: Trim this small shrub any way you like or let it grow naturally and it will grow somewhat pointed at the top, roughly triangular, which is an interesting natural shape. Left untrimmed it will get taller but never large.

Rating: Rates high as a landscape plant.

Pictures: See the plant picture book in the appropriate section.