

*Lyonia lucida* (Lam.) K. Koch



<b>Common Name</b>	Shiny Lyonia, Fetterbush
<b>Botanical Name</b>	<i>Lyonia lucida</i>
<b>Family</b>	Ericaceae
<b>Form</b>	Shrub
<b>Growth Habit</b>	Lyonia Lucida is an evergreen shrub that can grow up to 13' tall but is usually much smaller. It is often thicket forming via underground stems and has upright branches.
<b>Bark</b>	The bark is often patterned into brown and gray bands up the length of the stems.
<b>Leaves</b>	The alternate leaves, which are from 1"-3" long, have a leathery texture and are dark green and shiny above. They are simple and elliptically shaped with conspicuous veins along leaf edges and down their centers.
<b>Flowers</b>	The flowers are urn-shaped and vary in color from a light blush tone to dark pink, sometimes becoming almost reddish. The individual blooms are ½" long and have five petals that are united almost to

the tips. They are sweet-smelling and found in clusters at leaf bases from late winter to early spring.

<b>Fruit</b>	The fruit is similar in appearance to that of the flowers. Each capsule is about ¼” long, from rounded to urn shaped, and found in clusters at the bases of leaves.
<b>Soil conditions</b>	Shiny Lyonia is most often found in sandy, acidic soils that are moist.
<b>Water</b>	Relatively drought tolerant.
<b>Light Requirement</b>	Full sun to partial shade
<b>Native Growth Zone</b>	8-10
<b>Propagation</b>	Seed
<b>Habitat</b>	Found frequently in pine flatwoods and scrub ecosystems, and also in swampy areas.
<b>Remarks</b>	This species is often prone to leaf-spotting. It can be used as a foundation planting and pruned as necessary.
<b>Works Consulted</b>	