



Berries

## Planting Tips/Habitat:

This is found in a variety of soils from very wet to very dry.

The weeping yaupon needs full sun to part shade and can be easily transplanted. Plant yaupon holly trees several feet apart to allow a more “weeping form” of the trees to show.

This evergreen holly is tolerant of drought but also thrives in wet or well-drained soil. The shape of the plant is altered with pruning. Although both male and female plants produce flowers, only the females produce berries.

## Visitor Education Center (VEC)

### About Us

The Visitor Education Center (VEC) at the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery is the first and only facility of its kind in Mississippi. It is owned and operated by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

In addition to the native habitat area, the VEC features a 10,000 gallon aquarium, interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts, fishing rodeo pond, gift shop and gallery, and the World Record White Crappie. All of these elements serve as entertaining and engaging learning experiences for all visitors.

The VEC promotes the sport of freshwater fishing in Mississippi, and encourages the conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources. The facility offers guided and self-guided tours along with a myriad of programs and workshops for the public.



Holly branches with berries

## MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: WEEPING YAUPON HOLLY

*(Ilex vomitoria – ‘Pendula’)*

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## Description/Season:

The weeping yaupon has a “weeping form” with multiple crooked trunks. The bark is white to dark gray. This tree displays white flowers and grayish-green, oval leaves. The berries are round and bright red.

Flowers appear in the spring. Berries appear in the fall lasting into the winter.

## Size:

This tree reaches heights of 15 to 20 feet. Older plants can grow up to 30 feet high. The yaupon has a spread of 6 to 12 feet. Leaves are less than 2 inches long.

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*No Other Names*

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*Tree at VEC*



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## Interesting Facts:

The weeping yaupon’s berries are an attraction for different types of wildlife, especially birds.



Information Sources: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, MSU Extension, Clemson.edu, USDA, and VEC Staff. Pictures taken at the VEC (Wiggins, E.J.); property of MDWFP.