

## **Sweet Box**

**(*Sarcococca hookeriana* var. *humilis*)**

*Sarcococca hookeriana*, commonly called sweet box, is a low-growing, broadleaf evergreen shrub or groundcover for woodland gardens. Var. *humilis* grows only 1 to 2 feet tall and spreads slowly by stolons 6 feet wide or more, over time, in shady areas of the landscape. Lustrous, lanceolate, leathery, dark green leaves are evergreen. Tiny, tubular, fragrant white flowers, which are about 1/2 inch long, bloom in the leaf axils in March and April.



**Plant Care:** *Sarcococca hookeriana* grows well in organically rich, acidic, moist, well-drained soils in part- to full-shade. Leaves lose luster in full sun. Prune in spring after flowering to maintain attractive shape. It has no serious insect or disease problems.

**Watering:** This plant does best with consistent moisture.

### **References:**

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