

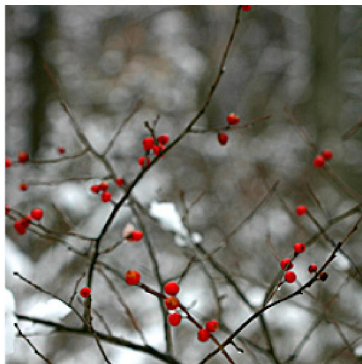


Native Plant of the Year: **Common Winterberry** *Ilex verticillata*



Unique Characteristics

Common winterberry produces brilliant red berries that attract birds late into the winter. Cut branches offer a colorful accent to holiday wreaths and decorations. Native to swampy areas, winterberry is a low maintenance plant that will thrive in wet or well-drained sites. Both male and female plants are required for fruit set; one male is sufficient to pollinate ten female plants.



Photos courtesy of Ann McCulloch (top) and Judy Senroc (bottom left and right)

Native range: Eastern North America

Plant type: Deciduous shrub

Hardiness zone: 3 to 9

Height: 8 to 16 feet

Width: 4 to 8 feet

pH: 4.5 to 7.5



full sun to part shade



medium to wet



wet to average soils



attracts birds



5 to 12 feet



zones 3 to 9



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