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Ilex verticillata

Winterberry



Also called Michigan holly. Found in swampy places in the wild, but will also grow well in drier conditions. Often spreads to form thickets. Great wildlife plant. Lustrous foliage, inconspicuous flowers, spectacular red berries persist through the winter. For berries, a male and a female must both be planted.

Suggested companions: red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), black chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*), highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), swamp rose (*Rosa palustris*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*), New England aster (*Aster novae-angliae*), boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

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Plant Type: Shrub
Size: 6-12' H
6-12' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Shrubby Wetland
Swamp/ Bog
Damp shores/thickets
Stream Margins

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color:
White
Green

Bloom Time:
June

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Winter interest