

# CELEBRATION OF TREES 2018



Winterberry  
*Ilex verticillata*

## CHARACTERISTICS

**Height:** 3 – 12'

**Width:** 3 – 12'

**Identification:** A deciduous holly that typically occurs in swamps, damp thickets, low woods and along ponds and streams. This is a slow-growing, deciduous shrub with an upright-rounded habit that typically grows 3-12' tall. Bright red berries (1/4" diameter) appear in late summer to fall.



Showy red berries attract birds of all kinds.

## GROWING CONDITIONS

**Native Habitat:** Eastern North America

**Water:** Medium to wet

**Sun Light:** Full sun to part shade

## BENEFITS

Year round interest, highlighted by the showy display of red berries in winter. Mass or group in shrub borders, foundations, native plant areas or bird gardens. Hedge. Excellent shrub for moist soils in low spots or along streams and ponds.



Relatively inconspicuous greenish-white flowers appear in the leaf axils in late spring.

**Sources:** Missouri Botanical Garden, *Ilex verticillata*,  
<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=d440> (last visited Oct. 10, 2016).