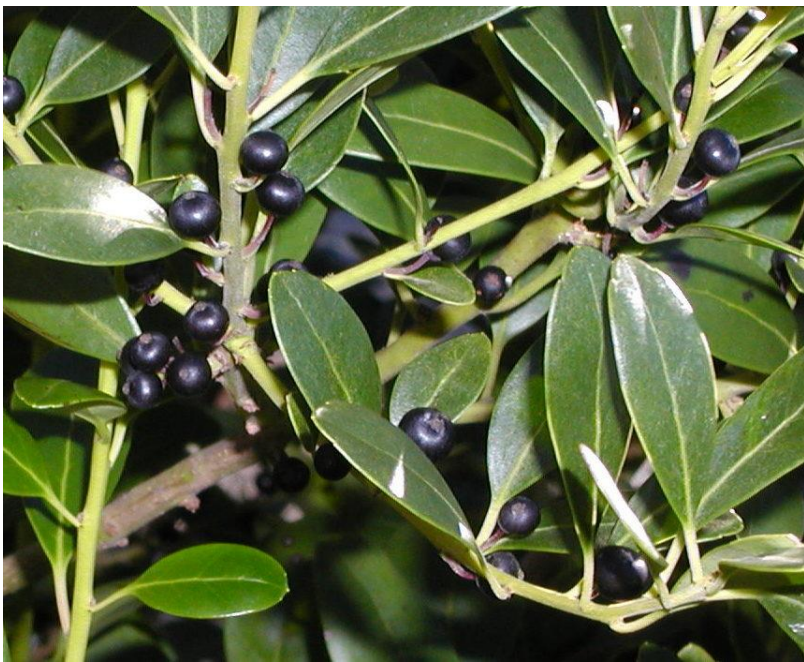


# CELEBRATION OF TREES



**Inkberry Holly**  
*Ilex galabra*

## CHARACTERISTICS

**Height:** 5-8'

**Width:** 5-8'

**Identification:** *Ilex galabra*, commonly called inkberry or gallberry is a broad leaf evergreen shrub in the holly family. It is a slow growing shrub that matures around 5-8' tall and can spread by root suckers to form colonies. This shrub has spineless, flat, glossy green leaves that have smooth margins. If pollinated, jet black berry-like drupes will appear in early fall and continue throughout winter, attracting birds.

## GROWING CONDITIONS

**Native Habitat:** The inkberry grows in rich, acidic soils and usually grows in bottom lands and likes sandy soils. Prune in early spring before new growth appears.

**Water:** It is adaptable to wet or dry conditions but prefers a medium moisture.

**Sun Light:** Full sun to partial shade.

## BENEFITS

Male and female plants are needed to produce berries/drupes. The inkberry flowers are insignificant; however, they are known to produce highly rated honey. The inkberry attract birds for the berries/drupes.

Source: Missouri Botanical Garden Website

