



Species: *Ilex verticillata*

(eye'leks ver-ti-si-lay'tah)

Winterberry

Cultivar Information

There are many cultivars and varieties of this species. a fairly comprehensive list is below but others exist, and more are likely to be created in the future.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet, Shrub < 4 feet

Height: 6' - 8' (spread 6' - 12')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: upright, rounded

Ornamental Other: dioecious and deciduous; there must be occasional males for pollination and fruiting

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to neutral soil (pH 5.0 to 7.4)

Environmental Other: bright red fruits appear while leaves are still green and persist throughout winter; yellow fall color; deciduous; Requires male for pollination

Insect Disease

No diseases listed

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native to Eastern N. America.

Cultivars for *Ilex verticillata*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Afterglow	'Afterglow' - reddish orange fruits; very glossy leaves; compact habit
Aurantiaca	'Aurantiaca' - slightly dwarf to 5 feet; orange-red fruit that fades to orange-yellow; early flowering
Cacapon	'Cacapon' - slightly dwarf to 5 feet; heavy fruiting; glossy green leaves
Chrysocarpa	'Chrysocarpa' - yellow-fruited form
Jim Dandy	'Jim Dandy' - slightly dwarf to 5 feet; early flowering male clone for pollinating early flowering female cultivars ('Afterglow', 'Aurantiaca', 'Red Sprite', etc.)
Red Sprite	'Red Sprite' - dwarf female clone to 4' tall; low, mounding habit; early bloomer; very large, persistent red fruits
Shaver	'Shaver' - an early-flowering form, slightly dwarf to 5 feet; produces orange-red fruit and glossy leaves
Southern Gentlemen	'Southern Gentlemen' - late flowering male clone for pollinating late flowering female cultivars ('Cacapon', 'Sparkleberry', 'Shaver', 'Winter Gold', 'Winter Red', etc.)
Stoplight	'Stoplight' - newer late flowering selection with large, deep red fruit and glossy foliage; to 8 feet
Sunsplash	'Sunsplash' - female selection with splotchy yellow variegated leaves
Winter Gold	'Winter Gold' - late flowering female selection; pinkish or golden-orange fruit; light green leaves
Winter Red	'Winter Red' - one of the most popular cultivars; profuse bright red fruits; rounded; to 8 feet
Apollo	'Apollo' - <i>Ilex verticillata</i> x <i>serrata</i> hybrid; late flowering male clone with new growth emerging red
Autumn Glow	'Autumn Glow' - <i>Ilex verticillata</i> x <i>serrata</i> hybrid; dense growth to 10'
Bonfire	'Bonfire' - <i>Ilex verticillata</i> x <i>serrata</i> hybrid; profusion of early season fruits; fruit at an early age; mounding habit to 10 feet

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Raritan Chief	'Raritan Chief' - Ilex verticillata x serrata hybrid; male clone useful for its long flowering period; to 12 feet; glossy green foliage
Sparkleberry	'Sparkleberry' - Ilex verticillata x serrata hybrid; popular cultivar; to 12 feet; long-persisting medium-sized fruit

Photos







Ilex verticillata Bark ED



Ilex verticillata Winter



Ilex verticillata Male Flower ED



Ilex verticillata Female Flowers ED



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