

Ilex glabra
Inkberry



Foliage and Fall Fruit



June Foliage and Flower

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, evergreen shrub

Appearance:

Height - 6 to 8 ft.

Aerial Spread - 6 to 12 ft.

Flower Color - Greenish to white

Flowering Period - Early May through late June

Fruit Color - Black

Fruiting Period - Late September to late March

Habitat: Forested seasonal wetlands, shrub swamp and sandy woods

Hydrology:

Indicator status - Facultative wetland

Salinity - Resistant, tolerates infrequent flooding by water containing some salt

Non-Tidal Regime - Seasonally inundated or saturated

Wildlife Benefits: (Fruit) is food for wild turkey, bobwhite, common flicker, hermit thrush, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, rufous-sided towhee, waterfowl; (Food, Cover, and Nesting) for mockingbird and American robin.

Distribution: Nova Scotia to Florida and Louisiana along coastal plain