

Ilex verticillata
Common winterberry



Summer Foliage



Fall Foliage



Fall/Winter Fruit



Summer Flower

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, deciduous shrub

Appearance:

Height - 6 to 12 ft.

Aerial Spread - 6 to 12 ft.

Flower Color - Greenish to white

Flowering Period - Early through late June

Fruit Color - red to orange

Fruiting Period - Late August persisting through February

Habitat (Community): Fresh tidal swamps, shrub swamps, and forested wetlands

Hydrology:

Indicator status - Facultative wetland

Salinity - Freshwater

Non-Tidal Regime - Irregularly to seasonally inundated or saturated

Wildlife Benefits: Important for emergency food in winter; **(Berries, other)** food for mockingbird, gray catbird, brown thrasher, black duck, bobwhite, common flicker, American crow, American robin, cedar waxwing, cottontail rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, an eastern bluebird; **(Food, Cover, and Nesting)** for veery, and red-winged blackbird.

Distribution: Newfoundland to Minnesota, south to Georgia and Mississippi