

BERRY HEAVY®

Ilex verticillata 'Spravy'

Common name: winterberry holly



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 3/AHS 8
Mature height:	6-8'/1.7-2.4 m
Exposure:	Part-full sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A deciduous holly with a very heavy crop of bright red berries that persist through winter. - Native. - Female variety; use Mr. Poppins® as the pollinator. Plant 1 male for every 5-7 females. - Grows well in wet soils and shaded conditions.



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 - 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	Moderate to high	
Watering:	Average to high	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	Spring-fall	
Blooms On:	Old wood (blooms insignificant)	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 2-4 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Slow to average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	14-18 • 12-16 • 10-14
2 - 3 gallon	4" • QT	18-22 • 16-20

Grower Tips:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winterberry holly fruit best on heavy woody stems. They benefit from being slightly pot-bound, and will flower (and subsequently fruit) better this way. • Keep new growth well-trimmed to encourage stems to thicken. • Fruit, not flowers, is the main selling point of these deciduous plants. • Plants bloom on old wood, so a dormant or spring prune will remove the flowers and hence the fruit for the season. Stop pruning in late July the season before sale to allow flowers to develop for sale the following season. • Plants must be grown near Mr. Poppins® and/or 'Jim Dandy' if you wish to sell with berries. Berries will be green through early autumn before changing to red. • Potting a 2 ¼" liner directly into a 3 gallon is not recommended.
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