

Finch's Gold Possumhaw



Deer resistant, drought tolerant, wet soil tolerant,



ant, beloved by birds, and as a cut flower for holiday arrangements!

Ilex decidua 'Finch's Gold'

- **Use:** Golden yellow berries cover the stems of this wonderful selection of native deciduous holly from fall through spring (if the birds don't get them all!). Has few if any pests or diseases and is quite tolerant of growing conditions. It is native on bottomlands and moister upland sites in the southeastern U.S. It is better adapted to high pH soils than *Ilex verticillata*.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Adaptable to wet or dry sites and wide range of soil types from light sandy loam to heavy clay loam and muck soils. Adaptable to sun or shade. Flowers and fruits more heavily in full sun, but prefers a little shade.
- **Growth:** Grows 6-10' tall and 8-15' wide. Large, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub or small tree; upright form.
- **Hardiness:** 5b-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Typical of species, yellow autumn color.
- **Flower:** This selection by Bill Finch of Mobile, AL has bright yellow fruit. Can be pollinated by male *Ilex opaca* but best to plant a male *Ilex decidua* nearby. One male can service a lot of gals - probably one per average residential landscape.