

Warren's Red Possumhaw



Deer resistant, drought tolerant, wet soil tolerant, beloved by birds, and as a cut flower for holiday arrangements!



Ilex decidua 'Warren's Red'

- **Use:** Vigorous, upright deciduous shrub with small, lustrous green leaves. Profuse, scarlet-red berries are excellent for adding refreshing color to the winter landscape. One of the last cultivars to drop its leaves in fall. Fruiting is improved with a male cultivar, but will fruit without them as well. Beloved by birds and great for holiday cut flower arrangements.
- **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. Prune to shape in early spring just before new growth begins.
- **Growth:** Grows 5-12' tall and wide. Large, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub; upright form.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Obovate, narrow, glossy dark green leaves turn yellow in autumn and persist later than most other possum haws. Attractive silvery bark.
- **Flower:** The whitish flowers are relatively inconspicuous. Pollinated female plants produce numerous, dense clusters of orange-red berries which ripen in September and persist throughout the winter until mid-March when new growth begins. This cultivar is a female plant and needs a male pollinator (e.g., male *Ilex decidua* or *Ilex opaca* 'Jersey Knight') for fruit production. One male plant will generally be sufficient for pollinating 9-10 female plants.