

Sparkleberry Winterberry



Ilex verticillata 'Sparkleberry'

- **Use:** Produces a striking and long-lasting display of brilliant red winter berries on large plants of upright form. Planted at woodland's edge or in a massed grouping, 'Sparkleberry' will add sparkle to your landscape! Fruiting is improved with a male cultivar, but will fruit without them as well if you have some native *Ilex vomitoria* or *serrata* in the area. 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.
- **Growth:** Grows 12' tall. Large, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub; upright form.
- **Hardiness:** 5b-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Typical of species, yellow autumn color.
- **Flower:** Abundant, large (5/16 inch), brilliant glossy red fruit with outstanding persistence. Fruit may persist until March. Fruit borne on short pedicels, on current season's growth. Fruit production requires male pollinator of either parent species or 'Apollo'.

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