



THE NATIVE PLANT CENTER

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2019 Native Woody of the Year



Ilex glabra Inkberry

Broadleaf, mound-shaped, evergreen shrub in the holly family provides a year-round presence. Female plants need male inkberry nearby to produce black berries, which are consumed by birds. Excellent as a hedge or foundation planting and as an alternative to the ubiquitous boxwood.

- Hardiness:** Zones 4–9
- Light:** Sun to part shade
- Soil:** Average to wet
- Size:** 4–8' tall
- Foliage:** Glossy, leathery, evergreen
- Flowers:** Inconspicuous, greenish-white
- Fruit:** Black berries on females
- Bloom Time:** Spring to early summer
- Wildlife Value:** Attracts birds. Honeybees produce highly prized gallberry honey.



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