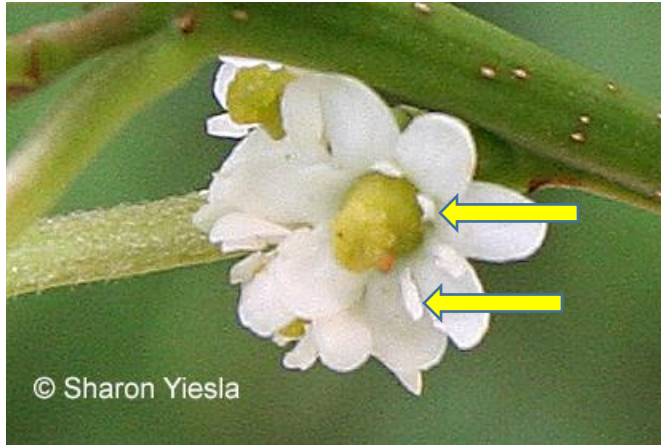




Winterberry is dioecious. Female flowers are borne in groups of 1 to 3 and are almost sessile. The ovary is topped with a sessile stigma. Short, sterile stamens can be seen in the female flower (arrows)



Here are the male flowers. The stamens are easily seen here.



The fruit is a berry-like drupe, about 1/4 to 1/3 inch in diameter. They are held sessile on the stems



The alternate leaves are simple with serrated margins. They are medium green above and paler below, with pubescence along the lower veins. This is a deciduous holly.



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*Ilex verticillata*

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Form is often broad spreading to upright. Here is the whole shrub in fruit.

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Stems are slender with scattered white lenticels. Buds are small and imbricate.



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Fall color is yellow.



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