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Key characteristics:

- In the late spring, small white flowers bloom.
- Bark is smooth and dark grey.
- Leaves are simple and obovate with sharply double toothed margins.
- Bright red berries are produced in the late summer and persist into January.

More about winterberry:

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Winterberry transplants well and is fairly resistant to disease and insects. It is also resistant to compact soils. The berries have a high wildlife value for waterfowl and songbirds, but are poisonous to humans. Winterberry needs both male and female plants for berries.

Visitors to explore:

- Henry's elfin butterfly
- Hesperia doris
- American robin
- Turdus migratorius
- Cedar waxwing
- Bombycilla cedrorum
- Dogtooth77
- Julie Falk
- Dave Spier

Help control Invasives!

Winterberry makes a great alternative to Japanese barberry (Berberis thunbergii), which can compete with native understory plants in natural areas.

Is winterberry right for you?

H: 5’-12’, W: 5’-12’