



Possumhaw Holly / Deciduous Holly *(Ilex decidua)*



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The possumhaw holly is a truly outstanding small native tree. The possumhaw holly drops its leaves in fall to reveal showy red or orange berries (on female plants) that remain throughout the winter providing stunning winter color to the garden. It attracts cedar waxwings in the early spring as well as other birds. Possumhaw hollies are heat and drought tolerant once established with few disease or pest issues. 'Warren's Red' is a particularly attractive cultivar for Bexar County

Exposure: Full sun - partial shade

Mature size: 12-feet tall, 6-feet wide

Plant type: Ornamental tree

Planting time: Fall is best, when berries are present, to insure you are getting a female plant. However, they can be planted anytime.

Soil type: Adaptable to any soil type as long as it well-drained.

Suggested uses: Ornamental tree, wildlife gardening



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