Winterberry ‘Red Sprite’
(Ilex verticillata)

3-4’, upright mounded dense twiggy shrub.

Native to woodland edges, swamps.
CT native.

Profuse and spectacular vivid large 1/2” red berries, without rival in the fall/winter landscape, lasting from fall through winter.

Lustrous leathery dark green oval leaves.

Silvery smooth bark.

Sun to part sun, more fruit in more sun;
moist to wet acidic soil, but tolerates dry soils.
Can form thickets.
Easy to grow.

Use as specimen for winter interest, in naturalized landscapes, for massing, screening, hedges, in foundations.

Habitat for birds, butterflies (larval host to Henry‘s Elfin), small mammals.
Attracts honey bees.

Streamside buffers.

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