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**Ilex verticillata ‘Winter Gold’**

This plant won a gold medal award from the PA Horticultural Society with good reason. It grows 6-8 feet tall and is native to Eastern North America.

It prefers slightly acidic soil and full sun for best proliferation of bright orange berries.

These berries stay into the winter when migrating robins, cedar waxwings can strip them of berries in a day.

This year, Sue noted 4 bluebirds in the bushes, which is a first for her yard. Berries are formed on the female, so you do need at least one male in the neighborhood.