

Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park
Oyster Bay, NY (USDA Hardiness Zone 7a)

2009 Annual Report

The temperatures throughout 2009 were normal. Our rainfall was slightly above average with 55 “ and snowfall was also slightly above average, with 28”.

Since our last report we have added the following hollies to our collection:

I. x ‘Apollo’

I. crenata ‘Beehive’ (5)

I. crenata ‘Sky Pencil’ (3)

I. opaca ‘Jersey Knight’

I. opaca ‘Jersey Princess’

I. pedunculosa (female)

I. pedunculosa ‘Variegata’

I. x ‘Mary Nell’ (13)

I. verticillata ‘Raritan Chief’

I. verticillata ‘Red Sprite’ (8)

I. verticillata ‘Sunsplash’

I. verticillata ‘Winter Red’(2)

Deletions:

I. aquifolium ‘Alaska’ 87-099

I. aquifolium ‘ciliata major’ 64-109

I. opaca ‘Farage’ 60-056

Ilex pedunculosa (male) 06-082

Ilex pedunculosa (female) 06-081

I. verticillata ‘Red Sprite’ 99-238

In general, our hollies had an above average fruit set and reacted nicely to the heavy pruning which we performed two years ago.

Ilex verticillata 'Sunsplash' has been a nice addition to our garden, providing a beautiful display of yellow leaves and could develop into a focal point in the garden.

Ilex x 'Gold Nellie R. Stevens' also provides a fantastic display of yellow leaves, even in winter

We Planted *Ilex* x 'Mary Nell' around the Manor House parking lot to provide privacy.

Iron was injected into the bark of *I. pedunculosa* in the early spring. These plants greened up nicely.

HOLLY-OF-THE-YEAR

- *Ilex crenata* 'Sky Pencil': we have 20 plants and they appear to be growing well on Long Island.
- *Ilex verticillata* 'Maryland Beauty': we have 4 plants which are too new to determine how well they will perform on Long Island.
- *Ilex verticillata* 'Red Sprite': we have 25 plants which are growing nicely; some fruit is still on the plants, even though the birds foraged earlier in season.

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