

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

St. Louis, Missouri USDA Hardiness Zone 6b

The winter of 2014 was cold with a lot snow. Spring arrived a little late but with no late freezes we had a very pretty spring. Summer had a short period of temperatures greater than 100 °F (37.8 °C) though overall the temperatures and moisture were pretty normal. The year, though, was above normal for moisture

No new plants were added to the collection. We lost one 30-foot (9 m) tall *Ilex opaca* and our other old hollies continue to decline. Generally, the hollies bloomed and set fruit very well.

Bon Hartline donated a collection of *I. decidua* to our garden in 1973 and to rejuvenate them we cut them back hard last winter.

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