

PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM  
Oyster Bay, NY USDA Hardiness Zone 7a

In 2016, the winter had above normal temperatures with one day of heavy snow (fourth heaviest on record) and a few days with cold temperatures. Spring and summer was moderately dry with average temperatures. Fall brought us above normal temperatures with little rainfall. To sum up, it has been an above average temperature year with drought conditions from March to November. The growth and fruit production on the hollies were normal and we had minor limb damage from the heavy snow and winds.

According to our records we have added the following hollies:

- I. glabra* 'Shamrock' (40)
- I. × meserveae* 'Blue Princess' (6)
- I. crenata* 'Steeds' (8)
- I. verticillata* 'Red Sprite' (7)
- I. crenata* 'Hoogendorn' (16)
- I. 'Magiana' Acadiana*<sup>TM</sup> (1)
- I. dimorphophylla* × *cornuta* 'Carolina Cone' (2)
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'Maryland Dwarf' (1)

According to our records we have deleted the following hollies:

- I. crenata* 'Ivory Towers' (1)
- I. aquifolium* 'Ferox' (1)
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The Holly Society test plant, *I. × 'Dapat' Miss Patricia*, came back from the harsh conditions in 2015 and is performing well. Our planting of *I. × 'Mary Nell'* as a privacy hedge continues to grow well and the 'Whoa Nellie' as a specimen plant continues to grow without die back or disease. *I. crenata* 'Sky Pencil' has always been a great plant in our landscape with no problems. *Ilex verticillata* cultivars are doing great with good fruit production. We replanted two areas in the Arboretum (Front Entrance and Coe Hall) with the above mentioned hollies and all are performing well. *Ilex pedunculosa* continues to be a challenge and we feel that our Long Island climate does not support its growth.

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