

Callaway Gardens
Pine Mountain, GA (USDA Hardiness Zone 7b)

2009 Annual Report

The berry display throughout the Holly Collection was spectacular in 2009. We recorded a whopping 71.87 inches of rainfall, more than 19 inches over our annual average of 52 inches. Cooler than average temperatures helped extend the display well into the late winter and early spring months.

There has been little change to our Holly Collection this year. English holly continues to struggle in our climate, and we removed what was left of two *Ilex aquifolium* 'Wieman's Favorite.' Renovations required that we remove a mass of *Ilex x attenuata* 'Hume #2', but we have other, larger specimens around the Garden. Additions included large plantings of *Ilex cornuta* 'Dwarf Burford', and *Ilex serrata* x *I. verticillata* 'Sparkleberry'.

In 1972, we added *Ilex opaca* 'Satyr Hill' (2003 Holly of the Year) to our collection. Although it is in an area of the Garden that is no longer accessible to the public, it is thriving and has performed well for us.

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