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TIDBIT! The glossy green leaves and brilliant red berries of holly trees make festive holiday decor. If you take a walk in one of our South Carolina State Parks this time of year, the green and red of American holly trees (*Ilex opaca*) is sure to catch your eye. Did you know that only the female trees have berries? Hollies are dioecious, meaning that the male flowers and female flowers are on separate trees. If you see a female holly with red berries, you might also see a robin or other bird having a holiday meal off the berries (good for birds after first frost, though somewhat toxic to humans and pets). The thick, prickly leaves also provide birds with shelter from both cold and predators. Happy holly days!



**Marilyn Demby Caulder** good information....tks...

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**Susan Smith Inman** Thank you for sharing that !

at 1:10:18 on 1/03/2014 UTC



**Julia Cochran** And Happy 9th Day of Christmas!

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**Tammy Howell** There is also a yellow holly tree. I've seen a couple out in the wild. Beautiful yellow berries instead of red.

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