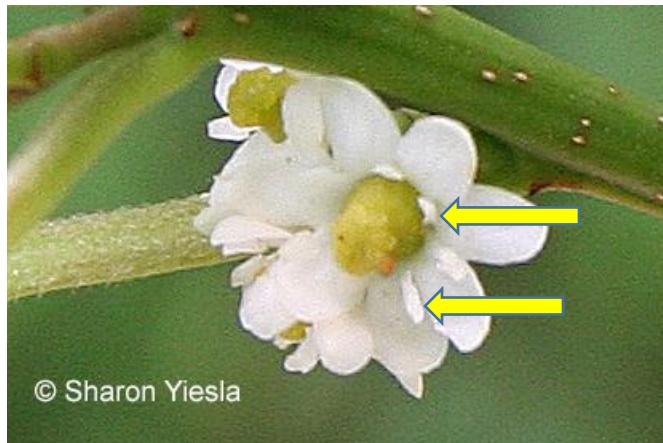


Winterberry is dioecious. Female flowers are borne in groups of 1 to 3 and are almost sessile. The ovary is topped with a sessile stigma. Short, sterile stamens can be seen in the female flower (arrows)



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Here are the male flowers. The stamens are easily seen here.



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The fruit is a berry-like drupe, about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ inch in diameter. They are held sessile on the stems



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Form is often broad spreading to upright. Here is the whole shrub in fruit.

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Stems are slender with scattered white lenticels. Buds are small and imbricate.



Fall color is yellow.

