Plants of the Month: December

Holly

*Ilex*

Not Native. Evergreen.

How to recognize:
Grow in shrubs, typically 5—8 feet tall, but can range.
Leaves: Glossy. Dark green on top, lighter underneath, thick, stiff. Sharp spines along edge of leaves.
Stems:
Flowers: Inconspicuous greenish white flowers.
Berries: Bright red berries. Birds eat, but they’re poisonous for children and pets. Eating even a handful can cause symptoms.