

# EDGE of the Woods

## Native Plants

Bring life to your  
landscape with  
native plants

### Fruits, Nuts, Seeds and Berries....what you need to know

Often we plant native trees or shrubs because we want the fruit or berries for wildlife. The fruit is the plants' way to reproduce. For reproduction, plants have male and female parts. Sometimes a plant will have both male and female parts on one flower. Sometimes a plant will have separate male flowers and female flowers. Some species have entire plants with only male flowers, and entire plants with only female flowers.

The female flowers are the ones that produce the fruit, nuts, seeds and berries. The male flowers do the pollinating. If you want to have fruit, nuts, seeds and berries, you'll need to know which plants need a male and a female plant. Here's a partial list of the most common natives that need both male and female plants. You'll need about one male for every five or so female plants for good berry or fruit set.

#### Plants that need male and female plants for fruit set:

**Winterberry Holly \* American Holly \* Inkberry Holly \* Fringe Tree \* Persimmon  
Spicebush \* Bayberry \* Sumac**

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