

Heartwood Nursery

Native News



How Hollies Spring Clean: Shedding

As many of you know, **Hollies** are one of our specialties at Heartwood. Each spring we get questions from customers who are worried because, while they see leaves coming out on other trees, they see some leaves on their Holly turning yellow and dropping off.

If this is happening to your Holly, don't worry. Your Holly isn't sick or dying. It's just going through its natural, yearly spring leaf-shedding process.

This spring, Holly leaf shedding is heavier than usual, due to the prolonged extreme cold temperatures we had this winter. For more on Holly shedding and some selections naturally predisposed to shed less, see my [latest post on our blog, Walk a Native Plant Path](#).

-- Sue Hunter, Owner, Heartwood Nursery



Plant Smaller for Impressive Results

It has been proven here at Heartwood that younger plants in smaller containers outperform plants grown in large containers. We offer trees and shrubs in one to three gallon containers and some one quart shrubs.

Planting from smaller containers doesn't offer an "Instantscape," but it provides many healthy benefits:

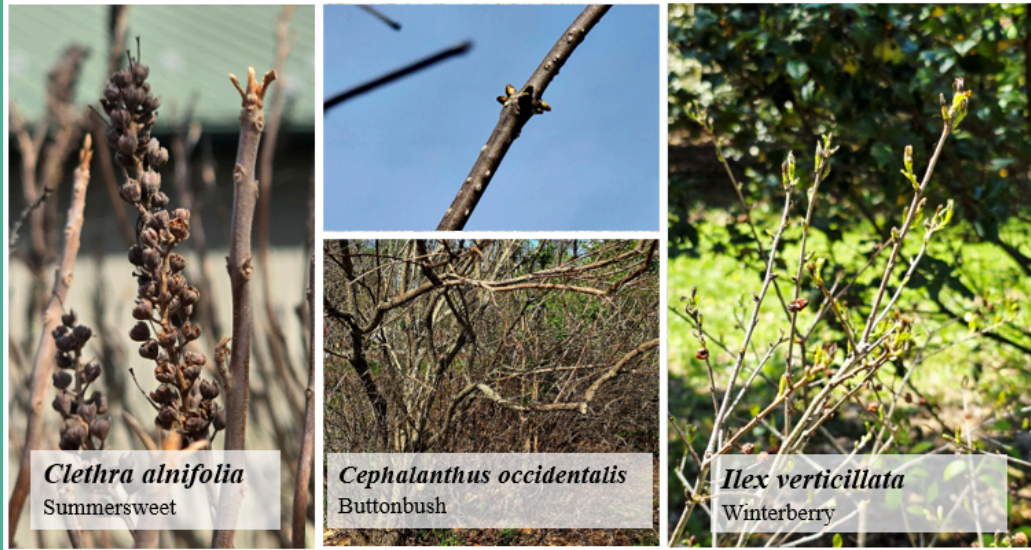
- Easier and faster root establishment
- Less stress for the plant to re-establish from the container to the environment
- Less long-term watering needed due to quick acclimation
- Cost-effectiveness and ease of customer transport and planting

One to three gallon containers are what we have planted and continue to plant in our display gardens and growing fields. People are always amazed when they visit Heartwood to see how established our nursery is!

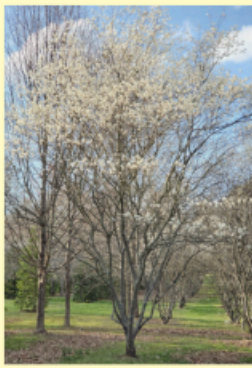


Late to Break Dormancy: Some Natives Are Spring Sleepy Heads

Some native species take a little longer than others to break dormancy in the spring. They can appear lifeless until much warmer weather prevails! Clethra, Buttonbush, and Winterberry are some examples of native shrubs that prefer to sleep in a little longer before starting to come to greener life.



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- Beekeeping Demonstrations**
- Live Music & Magician · Food Trucks**

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