



LINDA WILLIAMS PALMER

Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey

AMERICAN HOLLY

(Ilex opaca) - White County, Rosebud 2008

Colored pencil on paper by Linda Williams Palmer - 38 1/4" h x 53 1/2" w - framed diptych

Detail: *Leaves, American Holly* by Linda Williams Palmer - 14" h x 18 1/2" w - framed

CHAMPION STATISTICS

Circumference: 165" Crown Spread: 75' Height: 63' Bigness Index: 247

The Holly is an evergreen. It produces bright red berries in the fall. Holly leaves and berries have long been part of winter celebrations such as Christmas, when they are featured in song lyrics and decorations. This American Holly is known as "Bertie's Tree." Bertie's family has loved the tree for generations, as have their chickens! Her son Danny Crisco said the chickens like to roost in the branches. Speculation is that they know the sharp leaves protect them from natural predators. - LWP

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