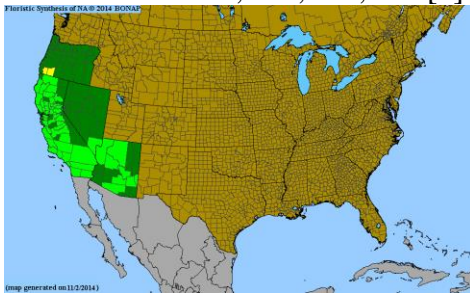



## Plant Propagation Protocol for *Rhamnus ilicifolia*

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

URL: <https://courses.washington.edu/esrm412/protocols/2024/RHIL.pdf>

TAXONOMY	
Plant Family	
Scientific Name	Rhamnaceae [4]
Common Name	Buckthorn Family [4]
Species Scientific Name	
Scientific Name	<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i>
Varieties	Information Not Found
Sub-species	Information Not Found
Cultivar	No cultivars are reported. [1]
Common Synonym(s)	<i>Rhamnus crocea</i> ssp. <i>ilicifolia</i> [10] <i>Rhamnus crocea</i> var. <i>ilicifolia</i> [10]
Common Name(s)	Evergreen buckthorn [1] Hollyleaf redberry [4] Holly-leaf Buckthorn [4]
Species Code (as per USDA Plants database)	RHIL [1]
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Geographical range	United States: AZ, NV, CA, OR [5]  [8]
Ecological distribution	<i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i> occurs in dry slopes, canyons, and on open hillsides. [7]
Climate and elevation range	The plant is found in areas with precipitation between 12 and 79 inches. They are also drought tolerant. [1] The elevation range is between 2000 feet and 6500 feet. [7]
Local habitat and abundance	Plant communities include chaparral, chaparral/desert transition, coastal sage scrub, desert scrub, foothill woodland, meadows, montane forest plant communities, riparian areas and woodlands. [1]
Plant strategy type / successional stage	Information Not Found
Plant characteristics	Leaf: Alternate, simple, evergreen, oval to round, to 1 1/2 inch long, bearing spiny teeth (holly-like, occasionally

	<p>entire), leathery, shiny green above, slightly paler below; leaves are concave.</p> <p>Flower: Plants are dioecious; small, yellow-green, 4 triangular sepals, small cluster bloom from leaf axils in mid-spring.</p> <p>Fruit: Shiny, bright red, round drupe, 1/4 inch in diameter, ripen in summer.</p> <p>Twig: Slender and stiff, red orange, especially when young, often ends in a stiff, "thorn-like" twig; buds small, scaly.</p> <p>Bark: Smooth gray becomes shallowly fissured and rough on large specimens. [9]</p> <p>This plant grows up to 15 feet tall and 10 feet wide. [5]</p> <p>Life form: shrub [7]</p>  <p>[3]</p>
<b>PROPAGATION DETAILS</b>	
Ecotype	Grows in a diversity of situations including canyon slopes and bottoms, open hillsides, roadsides, rock faces, sandstone ridges, serpentine slopes, and stream benches. [1]
Propagation Goal	Plants [5]
Propagation Method	Seed [5]
Product Type	1-gallon container [2]
Stock Type	Information Not Found
Time to Grow	January, February, March, April, May, and June.
Target Specifications	At the end time of the nursery, in general, the shrubs are usually less than 4 m tall: stems ascending, gray-brown, glabrous to densely hairy. The leaves are evergreen, alternate, on petioles 2-6 mm long, blades ovate to round, 2-4 cm long, 1.2-3 cm wide, spinescent to spinose-dentate, glabrous or pubescent, concave below, undulate, apex obtuse to rounded. Flowers: Inflorescence of 1-10 flowers; on pedicels 2-4 mm long, petals absent. Fruits: Berry bright red, 4-6 mm. [7]
Propagule Collection Instructions	Fruits should be harvested 2 weeks before the seeds are fully ripe, which is typically around springtime. [1]
Propagule Processing/Propagule Characteristics	There is an average of 71,000 seeds/lb. [1]

Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	Fresh seed requires no pre-germination treatment, while seed stored in sealed containers at 41F will need a cold stratification treatment of 2.5 – 3 months. [1]
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops	In optimal conditions, Hollyleaf Redberry can grow from a 1-gallon container. [2] This plant prefers rocky well drained soil. [5]
Establishment Phase Details	Information Not Found
Length of Establishment Phase	Information Not Found
Active Growth Phase	Information Not Found
Length of Active Growth Phase	Information Not Found
Hardening Phase	Information Not Found
Length of Hardening Phase	Information Not Found
Harvesting, Storage and Shipping	Information Not Found
Length of Storage	Information Not Found
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on Typical Sites	Container stock can be transplanted in fall, winter, or early spring, and receive water weekly initially and then monthly for the first summer. Once established the plant requires no further watering, although it will tolerate monthly summer watering in a garden. [1]
Other Comments	N/A
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