

Hummingbird & Hollyleaf Redberry



In the summer of 2007, I was on a Friday Walk when I was appreciating the beauty of the Hollyleaf Redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*) berries. And then this Hummingbird. I was so new at this stuff I thought the bird was trying to get nectar from the berries. One of the kind walkers, said, “that hummingbirds need insects to feed their babies” and there was scale on the branches.

We planted Hollyleaf Redberry in the Nursery’s Demo Gardens. I saw scale on it one day. A couple of weeks later, someone asked what scale looks like. So, I took her out to see them. The Hollyleaf Redberry was entirely cleaned, not a scale to be found!