Gallberry (Ilex glabra)

Instant ID
- Evergreen (has green leaves all year) shrub
- Has small, rounded greenish-white flowers with a green center
- Produces shiny black berries
- Grows five to 10 feet tall
- Leaves are dark green with pale undersides

Native Niches
- Found throughout Florida, except in the Keys
- Prefers full sun and partial shade
- Lives in sandy soils throughout the Southeast
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**Plant Particulars**
- Other names include Appalachian tea and inkberry
- Bees feed on the flowers and produce a special honey
- A perennial plant (lives more than 2 years)
- Can tolerate short droughts
- Male and female flowers grow on separate plants
- Seeds are a source of food for many animals

**Population Protection**
- Reproduction by seed and sprouting quickens after fires
- Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk