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NEVER MIND
“DECK THE
HALLS...”

(THAT OLD CHRISTMAS
CAROL WAS WRITTEN
IN ENGLAND WHERE THIS
PLANT BELONGS!)

DEAR CONSERVATION EASEMENT PARTNER,

English holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) may evoke fond memories of cozy Christmases, but the plain fact is that this shrub, a native of Europe, doesn't belong in our island forests. Birds love the holly berries and subsequently spread the shrub far and wide. Once the holly begins growing it quickly chokes out native vegetation. Holly is considered an "unregulated weed of special concern" in the islands. Please help us to contain it. Young seedlings can be pulled by hand; larger plants have to be dug out, roots and all, or the plant will re-sprout.

If you have questions about the control of this plant, please contact Dean Dougherty, Director of Stewardship, at 360-376-7133 or deand@sjpt.org.

Sincerely,

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