NC Cooperative Extension Service

NC has a state university cooperative extension office locally to contact for information about soil, testing and specific characteristics of plants, including height, days to maturity, dates, etc. This service has a website at www.ces.ncsu.edu, and other states probably have similar offices.

A native holly requiring both male and female plants.

Information about trees, herbs, plants for birds and bees -- gardening in general, is available through the department's "Master Gardener" program.

They may have several insecticides to choose from; but take the time to find out what's eating your plants, it's valuable information.

Also, you can share your thoughts through the SUBMIT button on the home page of www.iredellwatch.org.