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**Habitat:** Found in woodlands, sunny woodland edges, dappled shade, shady edges, and deep shade.

**General Description:** An evergreen shrub with large, pinnately compound leaves that are stiff, sharply spiny, and holly-like leaflets.

**Distinctive Characteristics:** The fragrant yellow flowers appear in late winter that result in greenish berries eventually turning bluish black arranged in grapelike clusters.

**Growth Habit:** Shrub

**Distribution:** Found in the Southeast, from Florida north to Maryland.

## Beale's Barberry *Mahonia bealei*



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Family: Berberidaceae (Barberry Family)