Dwarf Barbados Cherry (Malpighia glabra) by cuttings or airlayers

Dwarf Barbados Cherry (Malpighia glabra) are propagated by air layers or cuttings.

For details on putting on an airlayer refer to these Propagation Notes (https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/6ed12e2e-4eda-401d-8da6-f5547dfa929a and https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/107ded0b-2791-4e6f-92d4-23783170ed00). Check air layers after 2 months and pot up into 1-gallon containers, keep in the Greenhouse. Transition plants to the Shadehouse before putting them out in full sun.

Cuttings should be taken four to six inches long, with the bottom leaves removed and the upper leaves reduced, by cutting in half. Use rooting hormone (or a natural rooting hormone like aloe or honey) and put into a mixture of perlite and vermiculite in 50 plugs, watered in, and placed in the polypropagator. The best time for taking cuttings is in May/June and throughout the summer. Pot cuttings up into one gallon pots once they have rooted.