

Ilex x attenuata 'Fosteri'

(Fosters Holly)

The tree has glossy leaves, making it attractive, and it can reach a height and spread of 15 by 4 meters respectively, allowing it to create a dense pyramidal structure. The trunk grows upright, and the leaves which are green with shades of black, have spiny margins. The flower although not showy, is white, and the fruit (berry) is red. After the tree blooms, it produces a large number of red berries, which persist on the female trees from fall to winter



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: EYE-lecks x uh-ten-yoo-AY-tuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Hybrid

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Pyramidal, Columnar

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire, Pectinate

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts:

Pests: Scales, Leaf Miner

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Grafting
