

Ilex cornuta

(Burford Holly, Chinese holly)

Chinese holly is a large shrub or small tree from China and Korea. The leaves are dark green some has spines all around the margin, some has only one terminal spine some has nothing. Female and male plants are separated. Female plants produces a long lasting red berries in the fall. Drought tolerant and its the only holly for warm climates.Used as specimen or hedge.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Houx
Pronounciation: EYE-lecks kor-NOO-tuh
Plant Type: Tree
Origin: China, Korea
Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10
Uses: Screen, Hedge, Espalier, Specimen, Container, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Round
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Dense
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m
Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Entire, Terminal Spine

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

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

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image