



# The 5 Basic Types Of Ilex We Sell

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- 1) Upright Holly Hybrids
- 2) crenata - Japanese Holly
- 3) glabra - Inkberry Holly
- 4) meserveae - Blue Holly
- 5) verticillata - Winterberry Holly



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*Ilex aquipernyi* 'Dragon Lady'

## 1) Upright Holly Hybrids

We sell 4 upright Holly Hybrids

These hollies are great as stand alone specimens or as a hedge for screening.

x 'Dragon Lady' (*Ilex x aquipernyi*)

Dragon Lady grows 15 - 20' tall and only 5-6 feet wide.

Deep green foliage, fall berries

Avoid poor drainage areas. Full sun to half day of sun

Uniquely slim growth habit. A great solution in tight spaces, or flanking an entryway.



*Ilex aquipernyi* 'Dragon Lady'



## 1) Upright Holly Hybrids continued



Ilex x 'Nellie Stevens'

- x 'Nellie Stevens' - 15-20' tall, pyramidal, profuse berries. Very dark leaves by Holly standards. Self pollinating.
- x 'Oakleaf' - 15' tall, pyramidal shape, oak-like leaves. Foliage emerges bronze to burgundy in spring and matures to emerald green.
- x 'Robin' 12 - 14', pyramidal, maroon-red new foliage in spring. Glossy dark green leaves.



X 'Nellie Stevens'



x 'Oakleaf'



x 'Robin'

## 2) crenata - Japanese Holly

Small glossy oval leaves, evergreen. Great substitute for Boxwood

Rounded low growing forms and upright pyramidal forms. We typically carry up to 10 crenata varieties.

Produces small, insignificant black berries.

Most varieties take pruning.



Ilex crenata 'Compacta'

### Lower Growing crenata Varieties

- 'Compacta' - 3-5'
- 'Green Luster' - 3-4'
- 'Helleri' - 2-4'
- 'Hoogendorn' - 2-3'
- Soft Touch - 1-3'



Ilex crenata 'Compacta'



Ilex crenata 'Excelsa Schwobel'

### Upright Growing crenata Varieties

col. = columnar, pyr. = pyramidal

- 'Excelsa Schwobel' - 6-8' col.
- 'Chesapeake' - 6-8' col.
- 'Sky Pencil' - 7-10' col.
- 'Nigra' 6' pyr.
- 'Steeds' - 6-8' pyr.





Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'

### 3) glabra Inkberry Holly

Elongated shiny, evergreen leaf. Understated black berries.

Rounded growth habit, can be pruned.

Great foundation plant, great low to medium hedging plant.

We sell as many as three varieties during the year

- 'Compacta' - 4-6' tall and wide
- 'Shamrock' - 3-5' tall and wide
- Strongbox® - 2-3' tall and wide



Ilex glabra leaves



Ilex glabra 'Compacta'



Ilex glabra Strongbox®



Classic Blue Holly leaves

### 4) meserveae Blue Holly

Classic Holly leaves, lustrous deep green foliage.

Beautiful red berries on females. Male pollinator required.

Dwarf varieties can be 2-3 feet, full sized varieties up to 15'. Pyramidal form in select varieties - otherwise a roughly rounded to squarish shape - often wider than tall.

Great hedging plant.



Many Blue Hollies are slightly roundish to squarish in shape. Examples of this type of growth habit include Blue Angel, Blue Prince, Blue Princess, and China Boy & Girl.



Varieties We Sell Can Include:

- Blue Prince - 6-8' tall, 3-6' wide
- Blue Princess - 8-10' tall, 6-8' wide
- Blue Maid - 8-10' tall, 6-8' wide
- Centennial Girl - pyramidal to 15'
- China Girl - 8-10' tall, 6-8' wide
- China Boy - 8-10' tall, 6-8' wide
- Red Beauty - conical - 7-10' tall, 4-5' wide

Pyramidal shaped Blue Hollies include Blue Maid (shown to the left) and Centennial Girl. Red Beauty is conical.



## 5) *verticillata* Winterberry Holly

A deciduous Holly species

Spectacular display of late fall and winter berries.

Numerous varieties have great fall leaf color.

Requires a male pollinator to fruit.

Compact varieties and large varieties are available.

Great for naturalized plantings.

We sell as many as four varieties during the year:

'Red Sprite' - 3-4' tall and wide

'Winter Red' - 6-8' tall and wide

'Jim Dandy' - male, 6-8'

'Raritan Chief' - male, 10-12'



Red Sprite Winterberry



*Verticillata* becomes a loose woody shrub over time. 'Winter Red' grows up to 8' tall. Taller *verticillata* varieties work great in a naturalized garden or against a woodline for a naturalized transition plant. 'Red Sprite' only grows 3 - 5' tall and works well closer to the home. The effect of a mass of Winterberry in bloom can be absolutely stunning.



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different Ilex varieties  
through the year**



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