

JAPANESE HOLLY

Ilex crenata cv



Family:	Holly
Native to:	Eastern China, Japan, Korea
Hardiness Zones:	5 to 8
Bloom Time:	May-June
Height	5 to 10 feet
Spread:	5 to 8 feet
Blossom	White

BROADLEAF EVERGREEN SHRUB

Culture:

Japanese Holly is a dense, multi-branched shrub; rounded or semi-globular. Its alternate, glossy dark green leaves, crowded on stems have a crenate (wavy) margin which are attractive all year. The plants produce small, dull, greenish white fragrant flowers in spring, followed by black rounded somewhat inconspicuous fruits (drupes to 1/4" diameter) which mature in fall on pollinated female plants. It grows well in acidic soil.

Did you know?

Plants are dioecious (male and female flowers on separate plants), so both male and female plants must be present in order for the female plant to be pollinated and produce fruit.

Ilex crenata is grown as an ornamental plant for its dense evergreen foliage and is often used to border beds in an English garden.

In addition, it is a popular plant among Bonsai enthusiasts.

It is superficially similar in appearance to boxwood, and is often used in similar situations, such as low hedging; but it can readily be distinguished from boxwood by its alternate, not opposite, leaf arrangement.

The small fragrant flowers attract bees.