



American Holly

Ilex opaca

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Tree
- Sunlight: Sun, part shade
- Soils: Moist, well-drained, average
- Bloom Time: White flowers in April, May, June
- Size: 12-30ft in height; 8-14ft spread

Plant American Holly as an evergreen specimen, massed, or for hedges. Red berries persist through the winter but are only found on female plants when there is a male plant nearby.

Garden Companions

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*), Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)

Nature Benefits

- Berries eaten by many songbirds, gamebirds, and mammals
- Larval host for Henry's Elfin butterfly

Natural Habitat

Occurs in shaded woods, stream and riverbanks, uplands, and lowlands.