



Inkberry

Ilex glabra

Growing Information

- Plant Type: shrub
- Sunlight: Sun, part shade
- Soils: Moist to Average
- Bloom Time: May, June – flowers called cymes are inconspicuous
- Size: 3-8ft tall, 3-6ft spread, depending on cultivar

As like other hollies, Inkberry is dioecious: need male pollinator plant to get female fruit set. Berry-like drupes are black and the size of a pea. It's an upright grower that works well in a hedge and can be pruned. A good native option to boxwood. It is a broadleaf evergreen that is a slow grower.

Garden Companions

Teaberry (*Gaultheria procumbens*),

Nature Benefits

- Birds and mammals eat the juicy fruit
- Provides nectar for pollinators.
- Host plant for Henry's Elfin.

Natural Habitat

Occurs in low wet woods, sandy sites, edges and openings in forests.