

Ilex opaca



Family: Aquifoliaceae

Common Name: American Holly

- Height: 15-50'
- Spread: 18-40'
- Light requirements: Full Sun to Full Shade
- Soil: Moist clay, loam
- Flower color: white or cream, May-Jun
- Fruit color: red, fleshy
- Fruit Time: Sep-Mar, requires male and female for fruiting
- Planting time: any time
- Growth: slow growing
- Native Origin: Eastern US, west to southeastern Missouri and eastern Texas
- Good alternative to invasive Autumn Olive, Russian Olive
- Interesting Fact: Birds eat the berries in the winter. Berries are toxic to humans.

Reference:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilex_opaca

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