



Japanese Holly

Ilex crenata

A dense, slow-growing evergreen, providing year-round colour and structure to formal schemes on drier exposed sites.



Description

A fantastic, hardier alternative to Box or Buxus hedging but with a similar appearance. Japanese Holly benefits from being more resistant to pests and diseases and is less prone to leaf scorch when pruned. Capable of regenerating from old wood – perfect for re shaping if neglected over time.

Appearance

Dense and compact with alternate small glossy 1-3cm, dark green, wavy margined leaves are accompanied by a smattering of white flowers in spring and very small black berries in autumn.

Placement

Japanese Holly performs best in a moist, well-drained, slightly acidic soil, in full sun or partial shade. Avoid areas with heavy shade or those prone to waterlogging. Suitable for coastal areas due to its wind and salt tolerance.

Uses

An aesthetically pleasing hedge – ideal for formal planting schemes, either used low-level to edge borders and paths or for showcasing brighter plants. Its density provides excellent privacy screening and barrier against noise, dust and wind pollution.



An abundance of autumn fruits which last well into winter; brings extra seasonal interest and entices a range of birds to your garden.



Easy to maintain whether clipped once or twice per year, but two clips a year will provide a very tight, dense and more formal appearance.



SOIL

Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT

Full Sun
Partial Shade



GROWTH

Slow
10-20cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING

Late Winter
Early Spring



USES

Formal hedging
Screening
Topiary



SUITABILITY

Livestock
Deer Resistant

AVAILABLE HEIGHT 1.2M | 1.5M | 1.8M