



Species: *Ilex crenata*

(eye'leks kreh-nay'tah)

Japanese Holly

Cultivar Information

Several cultivars exist for this species, below are some of the more commonly available varieties.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 5' - 10' (equal spread)

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: variable; usually dense, rigid shrub

Ornamental Other: full sun is ideal; tolerant of part shade

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 5a

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Environmental Other: broadleaf evergreen; dark green leaves; black berries

Insect Disease

black knot fungus and nematodes; spider mites

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to Japan; easy to transplant as B & B or from container; can be pruned heavily

Cultivars for *Ilex crenata*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Beehive	'Beehive' - dense; cold hardy
Compacta	'Compacta' - globose form
Convexa	'Convexa' - convex leaves
Glory	'Glory' - very cold hardy
Green Luster	'Green Luster' - darker, more lustrous leaves
Helleri	'Helleri' - dwarf, compact
Hetzii	'Hetzii' - large, not as cold hardy
Stokes	'Stokes' - rounded habit
Golden Helleri	'Golden Helleri' (a.k.a. 'Helleri Dwarf Golden', 'Golden Heller') - a yellow-leaved 'Helleri'; holds its color but needs some protection from winter winds
Sky Pencil	'Sky Pencil' (a.k.a. Sky Sentry) - strictly upright, fastigiate form; grows to 8' tall, but less than 12" wide; a personal favorite of Nina's
Variegata	'Variegata' - used to describe a variety of clones with variegated foliage; variegation varies from white to yellow and may be irregular or regular

Photos



Ilex crenata - Leaves



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Ilex crenata 'Sky Pencil' - Habit



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