East Palatka Holly

Ilex x attenuata 'East Palatka'



East Palatka Holly
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Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

This hybrid is a tightly pyrimidal broadleaf evergreen tree-holly with spiny green foliage and an abundance of showy red berries in winter; it is self-pollinating so it doesn't require a male companion to produce fruit; excellent for screening and borders

Ornamental Features

East Palatka Holly is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The spiny pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

East Palatka Holly is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



East Palatka Holly foliage
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East Palatka Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

East Palatka Holly will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.