# Lucky Leaf™ Holly

***Ilex 'EN1'***

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6



*Lucky Leaf Holly foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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**Description:**

This outstanding holly makes an excellent hedge with its tidy, dense, mounded habit; emerging red foliage turns deep green and glossy; abundant red fruit in winter, when a pollinator is present; a great addition to the landscape

**Ornamental Features**

Lucky Leaf Holly is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent red berries in late fall. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges red in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Lucky Leaf Holly is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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 shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Lucky Leaf Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

**Planting & Growing**

Lucky Leaf Holly will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more. This is a female variety of the species which requires a male selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. 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.