Oregon Select Variegated Holly

Ilex aquifolium 'Oregon Select Variegated'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

A stunning holly characterized by the colorful white-variegated glossy leaves which are quite spiny; a vigorous grower, ideal for mass planting and natural screening; the berries contrast nicely with the foliage for a breathtaking display in winter



Oregon Select Variegated Holly foliage
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Ornamental Features

Oregon Select Variegated 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 foliage edged in creamy white. The spiny pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Oregon Select Variegated Holly is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Oregon Select Variegated Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Oregon Select Variegated Holly will grow to be about 15 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 shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.