



Yule Bright Holly

Ilex x koehneana 'Conayule'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Koehne Holly

Description:

Lustrous dark green, evergreen foliage with spiny edges, and a narrow pyramidal habit; brilliant scarlet fruit adds color to the fall and winter landscape; does best in evenly moist, acidic soil, an excellent screening plant

Ornamental Features

Yule Bright Holly is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent scarlet berries from early fall to mid winter. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The spiny oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Yule Bright Holly is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen tree with 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yule Bright Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Yule Bright Holly fruit
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Yule Bright Holly will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, 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 variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, 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.