

Botanical Name: Ilex cornuta 'Dazzler'

Common Name: Chinese holly

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, densely branched to form a stiff, rather rounded canopy

Height 3-6' Spread equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full to partial sun; tolerates shade

Soil prefers acidic loam, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24); best in cool habitat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-oblong, stiffly toothed, 2-4" long, dark green -- spines at corners and apex of leaves

Flowers white, axillary/terminal clusters -- spring

Fruit large crop of deep red, shiny berry, 1/4" diameter

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: good filler for deep green foliage and red berries; informal hedges, barrier plantings, small espalier, container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering regular watering preferred

Fertilizing acid pH fertilizer in spring

Pruning to shape desired - DO NOT SHEAR

Pests/Diseases leaf miner, mealybug, chlorosis in heavy alkaline soil

Special Conditions

Origin: China Family: Aquifoliaceae