

Botanical Name: Ilex cornuta 'Rotunda'

Common Name: Dwarf Chinese holly

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape compact, rounded, dense plant with stiff branches and very
spiny leaves

Height 2-1/2' Spread 2-1/2' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors half-shade to full sun along coast

Soil prefers a well-drained, slightly acid soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24)

Morphology:

Leaves nearly rectangular; margins concave with spines at the 4
corners and tip 1-1/2 to 4" long

Flowers small clusters of tiny white flowers

Fruit berry to 1/4" diameter; fairly rare

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: hedge, barrier or divider, can be used in formal landscapes

small scale landscapes, or as a dense facer plant; easily kept formal-looking

due to slow growth rate

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering

Fertilizing balanced, acid fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back to shape if needed; shear cut if desired

Pests/Diseases scale, leaf-miner, mealybug, alkali burn

Special Conditions mulch soil generously for best growth

Origin: China Family: Aquifoliaceae