

Botanical Name: Ilex aquiperneyi 'Brilliant'

Common Name: (same)

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked plant, with dense short lateral branching forming a distinctly narrow cone or pyramidal canopy

Height 10-20' (30') Spread 1/3 - 1/2 Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial or full sun; tolerates full shade at inland locale

Soil moist, acidic pH loam; looks shabby when grown in alkaline soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 14-24); tolerates heat and sun

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic; margin has few conspicuous teeth; blade leathery, med. green, 1-2" long

Flowers dioecious, small, white, in axillary clusters; spring-early summer

Fruit a berry: red, 1/4" diameter, ripening in late fall-winter

Propagation: hardwood cuttings

Usage: a very attractive small vertical accent; for its cone-like form and red berries; often used as a container plant or background screen

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; plant suffers from drought

Fertilizing as needed; check for iron chlorosis in heavy clay soils

Pruning none is required; selectively head back

Pests/Diseases scale, spider mite

Special Conditions

Origin: hybrid-cult Family: Aquifoliaceae