

Leah Bates Lustreleaf Holly



**Great as
a
specimen
plant!**



Ilex x latifolia 'Leah Bates'

- **Use:** This is an open-pollinated *I. latifolia* seedling, selected by Tom Dodd Jr. and introduced by van der Giessen Nursery of Semmes, Alabama. 'Leah Bates' resembles other *I. latifolia* but matures at just ten feet, and bears heavy crops of red berries.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun to part sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Forms a small tree that grows 10' tall and wide at the base.
- **Hardiness:** Zone: 6-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Southern magnolia shaped leaf with coarsely serrated margins. Black stipules form prominent dots at the base of the petiole. These hollies make fantastic Christmas foliage.
- **Flower:** Large red fruit in fist shaped clusters that are extremely showy. Dioecious (Has male and female flowers on same plant)