

Inkberry Holly



Great for planting at the foundation of your home! Tolerate: Rabbit, Deer, Erosion, Wet Soil, Air Pollution



Ilex glabra 'Nigra'

- **Use:** A popular selection of our native inkberry holly noted for its attractive dark green foliage (hence the name 'Nigra') and compact habit. May sucker; excellent for damp sites. Excellent for use as a low hedge, in containers or in mass plantings. Makes a lush green background for flowering plants. Very little maintenance is needed.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun-part shade. Well-drained soil, not soggy. Water the 1st two years for best growth. If it doesn't rain for 7-10 days, then water until established. For fastest growth use slow release fertilizer two times a year! Dislikes high pH soils.
- **Growth:** An easy to grow shrub reaching 3 to 4' tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Dark evergreen foliage. Foliage may turn purplish in winter.
- **Flower:** Greenish white flowers appear in spring, but are relatively inconspicuous. If pollinated, female flowers give way to pea-sized, jet black, berry-like drupes (inkberries as it were) which mature in early fall and persist throughout winter to early spring unless consumed by local bird populations.

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