

Squeeze Box® Inkberry Holly



Ilex glabra 'SMNIGLA' USPP 35,019

- **Use:** Finally, a tall, upright inkberry holly! Squeeze Box® inkberry holly (*Ilex glabra*) is perfect for bringing height and a touch of formality to your garden or landscape. This native evergreen naturally grows with an upright pyramidal shape that can be used for a handsome specimen, unique hedge, or any where you need year-round height and color. Now are you ready for the really great news? Squeeze Box inkberry holly is a male plant that can be used to pollinate Gem Box and Strongbox inkberry hollies so that they develop the blue-black fruits that are inkberry holly's namesake. It is native to the coastal plain from Nova Scotia to Florida to Louisiana where it is most commonly found in sandy woods and peripheries of swamps and bogs.
- **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!
- **Growth:** An easy to grow shrub reaching 4-6' tall and 2-3' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Dark evergreen foliage.
- **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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