

# Dragon Lady Holly



**Great as a specimen plant or narrow hedge!**

***Ilex × aquipernyi 'Meschick' PP4996 (cross of *I. aquifolium* and *I. pernyi*)***

- **Use:** This holly has narrow leaves, and a dense narrow growth unlike many hollies with wide bases and would be useful as a narrow privacy or use as an impenetrable hedge. It can also be planted as a specimen, used in small groups, or planted along a foundation. Deer resistant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers morning sun and afternoon shade. Too much shade will produce sparse growth. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** This broad-leaved, evergreen tree can reach 10-20 feet in height with a 4 to 6 foot spread. Mature plants do not tolerate root disturbance, so it is best to site the plant in its permanent position. Requires heavy pruning as a young plant to develop good form.
- **Hardiness:** Zone: 5a-8; Shrub/Small Tree Siting correctly will be important to protect from hot summer afternoon heat.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Leaves are alternate, simple, narrowly elliptic-oblong, slightly convex, and a little over an inch long. They have a prolonged apex with 5 to 9 evenly spaced, undulate terminal spines.
- **Flower:** Scarlet fruits mature in fall and remain on the plant through winter. Hollies are dioecious plants so you will need both a male and female to set fruit. This cultivar is a female clone. I. 'Blue Stallion' and I. 'Blue Prince' are reportedly good pollinators.