

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)

TREE APPEARANCE

Type: broad-leaf evergreen

Form: pyramidal

Mature height: 35 - 50 feet

Spread: 40 - 60 feet

Flowers: small, white flowers; female flowers are fragrant

Fruit: red berries that mature in October and persist through winter on pollinated female trees

Growth rate: slow to moderate

CULTURE

Soil: moist to average soil; can tolerate occasionally wet soils

Light: full sun to full shade

NOTES

Useful as an evergreen screen or specimen plant; fruit attractive to wildlife; lifespan of 100 - 150 years; Need male tree near female tree to pollinate it for berries



Fragrant Female Flower



Berries on Female