

Blue holly 'Blue Princess'

Ilex x meserveae 'Blue Princess' Also known as: **Holly 'Blue Princess', Ilex 'Blue Princess', Winterberry 'Blue Princess'**

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This description is for species **Blue holly (Ilex x meserveae)**:

Ilex x meserveae is an evergreen perennial. In late spring and early summer, white flowers appear, and these develop into bright red berries for autumnal interest. These are often used for Christmas decorations or to attract birds into winter gardens. *I. x meserveae* has blue-green leaves, which compliment the purplish bark. *I. x meserveae* should be planted in full sun or partial shade and provided with a moist yet well-drained soil. Male and female plants are required for the berries to appear. *I. x meserveae* is perfect for hedging, shrubby borders, topiary or as specimen trees.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? yes	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs
Dangers: comments Avoid eating its berries, or risk having mild stomach upset.	Hardiness zone Z5-9	Grown for Evergreen foliage and ornamental berries
Height [m] 3	Heat zone H9-5	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent For every season
Spread [m] 3	Winter temperatures [°C] -29 - -1	Garden type Woodland

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Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Heat days 30 - 150	Garden spaces Specimen Hedges and screens
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Flowering seasons Late spring Early summer	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Foliage in spring Blue-green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in summer Blue-green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Blue-green		
Foliage in winter Blue-green		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings seed		
Growth habit Dense Erect Spreading		