

Common holly 'Silver Queen'

Ilex aquifolium 'Silver Queen' Also known as: **English holly 'Silver Queen', Holly 'Silver Queen', Ilex 'Silver Queen', Winterberry 'Silver Queen'**

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This description is for species **Common holly** (*Ilex aquifolium*):

Ilex aquifolium, also known as common holly, is a large evergreen tree. Though the white flowers are rather inconspicuous, common holly develops beautiful and vivid red berries in the autumn. *I. aquifolium* is a versatile plant and grows in full sun through to dense shade. Whilst drought tolerant once it's established, common holly needs regular watering when first planted. Its berries are commonly used as Christmas decorations and are a food source for birds during the winter. Common holly can be used a hedging, topiary or allowed to grow into a specimen tree.



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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 Z7-9	Grown for Evergreen foliage and ornamental berries
Height [m] 10	Heat zone H9-7	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent For every season
Spread [m] 4	Winter temperatures [°C] -18 - -1	Garden type Woodland

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Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Heat days 60 - 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 30 years or longer
Foliage in spring Pink or purple	Sun requirements Full sun	
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings seed	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Growth habit Dense Upright		