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Japanese holly 'Strokes'

Ilex crenata 'Strokes' Also known as: **Holly 'Strokes', Ilex 'Strokes', Winterberry 'Strokes'**

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This description is for species [Japanese holly \(Ilex crenata\)](#):

Ilex crenata is an evergreen hedging plant. Often known as box leaved hedging, *Ilex crenata* is unlike other hollies in the fact that it has no prickles. It's therefore, an ideal alternative to box hedging, hence its common name. *I. crenata* can be grown in aspects from full sun to partial shade, and tolerates most soil types apart from those that are waterlogged. In summer it produces small white flowers that develop into black autumn berries for seasonal interest. It's an ideal hedging plant, but can also be used effectively as topiary.



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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 Z5-7	Grown for Evergreen foliage and ornamental berries
Height [m] 0.8 - 1	Heat zone H7-5	Creative category For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai For every season Tough survivors
Spread [m] 1	Winter temperatures [°C] -29 - -12	Garden type Woodland Rock garden

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Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Heat days 30 - 90	Garden spaces Specimen
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 10 years
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Foliage in winter Green		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings seed		
Growth habit Small Upright		