

Tree of the Month - December

Ilex aquifolium (Common Holly)



3m Feathered



Red Berries



Ilex aquifolium is one of Britain's few native evergreen trees. Commonly associated with Christmas, it has distinctive spiny evergreen leaves and bright red winter berries, providing year round interest. It is normally a small shrub, although left unpruned can grow to more than 20m.

As a dioecious variety, it has separate male and female plants. White flowers appear in May and pollination is generally carried out by bees and other insects. The berries emerge on female plants around November. This plant will grow on almost any well drained soil, and is extremely tolerant of shady conditions.

At Deepdale Trees, we are also offering other varieties of holly, including *Ilex Nellie Stevens* and *Ilex aquifolium variegata*. *Ilex Nellie Stevens* is an exceptionally nice female clone with smooth dark glossy leaves and orange/red berries. This variety makes a particularly good standard tree.



Nellie Stevens Std



Nellie Stevens berries



Variegated Cone



Half Standard