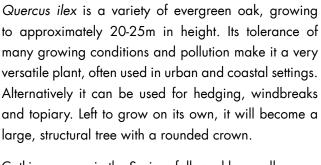


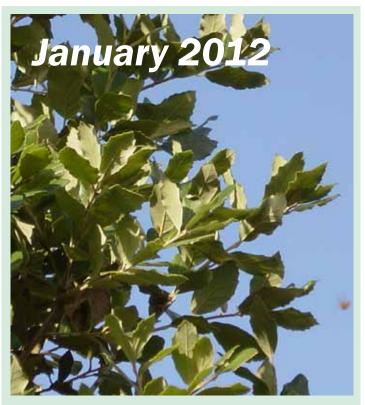
Quercus ilex

Holm Oak / Holly Oak



Catkins appear in the Spring, followed by small acorns which will mature the same year. The leaves are dark green and leathery with a whitish underside. Often the lower leaves are spiny, giving a resemblance to the Common Holly, which is also where the name comes from. It is thought that it may have developed this characteristic to prevent grazing by animals.

Native to the Mediterranean region and is often found growing on its own or with Cedrus atlantica in the Moroccan Atlas mountains.



Quercus ilex - leathery green foliage

Plant Profile

Name: Ouercus ilex

Common Name: Holm Oak or Holly Oak - Holm is the

ancient word for Holly

Family: Fagaceae

Height: 20-25m

Demands: Tolerant of most conditions. Must be well

drained soil

Foliage: Leathery, dark green, evergreen leaves with a

whitish underside

Bark: Grey bark, smooth when young and becoming

fissured with age.

Fruit: Small acorns



20-25-30cm standards

Deepdale

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Quercus lex has become one of the top three trees used for truffle orchards. The acorns are a major food source for the free range pigs which are reared to produce lberico ham.









White underside of foliage



50-60cm girth standard



Quercus ilex in motion!



35-40cm girth standards



Cones and feathered plants