

# American Holly (*Ilex opaca*)

## TREE APPEARANCE

**Type:** broad-leaf evergreen

**Form:** pyramidal

**Mature height:** 35 - 50 feet

**Spread:** 40 - 60 feet

**Flowers:** small, white flowers; female flowers are fragrant

**Fruit:** red berries that mature in October and persist through winter on pollinated female trees

**Growth rate:** slow to moderate

## CULTURE

**Soil:** moist to average soil; can tolerate occasionally wet soils

**Light:** full sun to full shade

## NOTES

Useful as an evergreen screen or specimen plant; fruit attractive to wildlife; lifespan of 100 - 150 years; Need male tree near female tree to pollinate it for berries



Fragrant Female Flower



Berries on Female