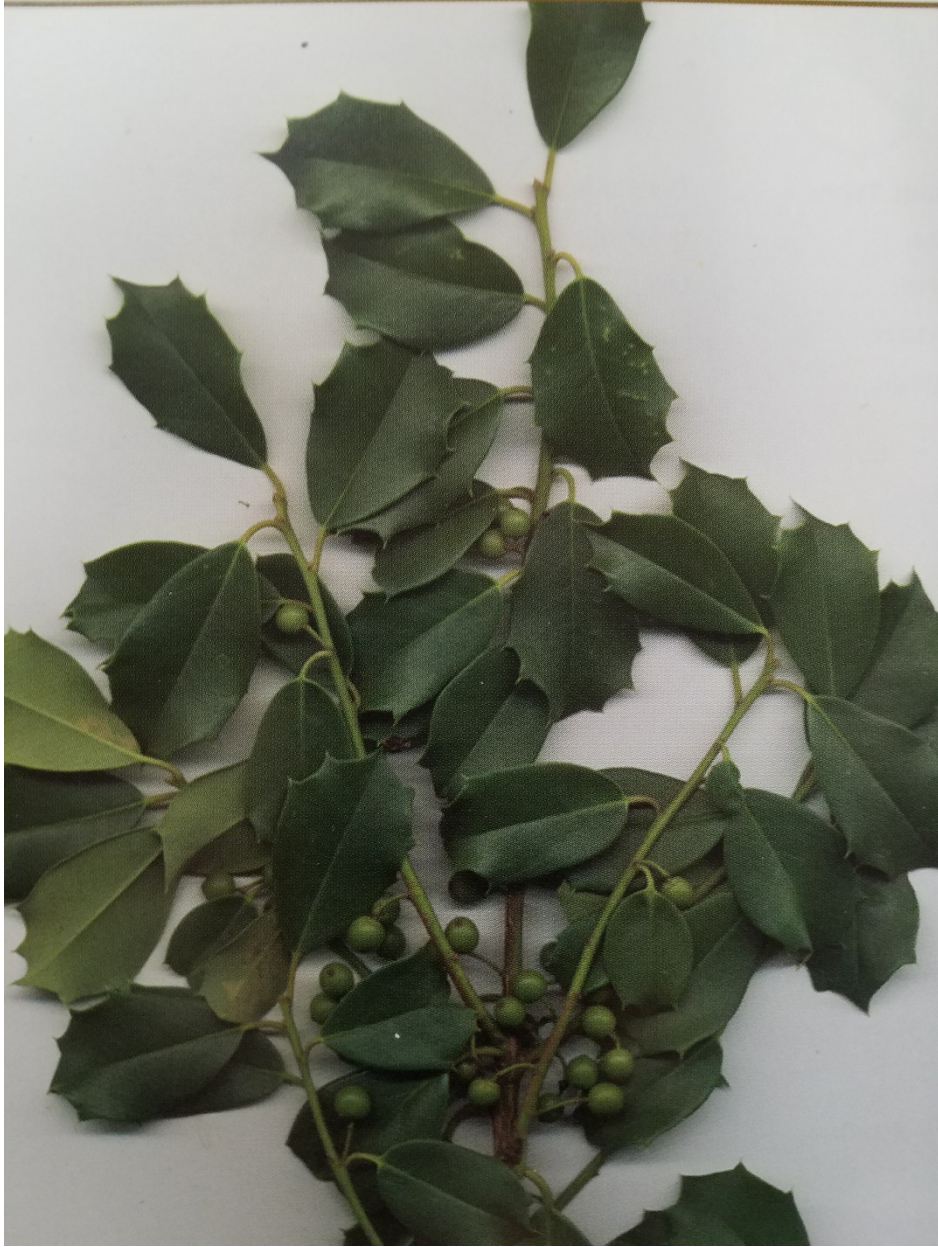




## Ilex opaca

## American Holly

<b>Plant Type</b>	Evergreen
<b>Size</b>	20-50' high and ½ as wide
<b>Form</b>	Pyramidal to conical
<b>Texture</b>	Medium
<b>Foliage</b>	Alternate, simple, wavy, spiny, rarely entire, 1 ½-3 ½" long and ¾ as wide, broadest in the middle, narrower at each end, 5-7 spiny teeth per side, dull dark green upper and lighter green-yellow beneath, petiole ¼- ½ "
<b>Stem</b>	Green
<b>Bark</b>	Brown, gray-brown
<b>Buds</b>	1/8-1/16", greenish-brown
<b>Flowers and Fruit</b>	White, 4 petals, May. Fruit is a red ½" berry, maturing in fall and persisting into winter
<b>Exposure</b>	Sun to part shade
<b>Soil</b>	Moist, well-drained, pH 4.5-6.5
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Slow to medium
<b>Hardiness</b>	5-9
<b>Uses</b>	Specimens, groups or screens
<b>Maintenance</b>	Leaf miner, scales, whiteflies, leaf spots. Planting requires male and female for fruit set. Avoid windy, dry sites. Provide moderate fertility. Bet to prune in winter
<b>Cultivars</b>	'Croonenburg'- pyramidal columnar, good fruiter, monoecious form 'Greenleaf'- pyramidal form, glossy green foliage, bright red fruits
<b>Notes:</b>	



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