

# Chinese Holly

## *Ilex x 'Emily Brunner'*

Hollies come in many forms, from large trees to dwarf shrubs. A row of 'Emily Brunner' holly makes one of the best screens available. Male and female flowers appear on separate plants so there must be a male plant in the neighborhood to ensure berry production on a female plant. The showy yellow flowers are unusually striking for a holly plant. Holly variety 'James Swan' pollinates the plant. This plant is considered mostly allergy free and causes little or no allergy problems in most people. Easy and durable. Low Maintenance. Water regularly. Well-drained soils essential. Emily Brunner is a hybrid between *I. latifolia* and *I. cornuta* with an upright to columnar growth habit. It maintains the dense growth habit and the light-green foliage typical of the Chinese Holly with little pruning

**Type:** evergreen shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 6b through 9b

**Uses:** border; woodland gardens; wildlife gardens; privacy screen; foundation plantings; hedges; container; accent

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 10 to 15 feet                      **Spread:** 8 to 12 feet

**Plant spacing:** 8 feet

**Light requirement:** plant grows in full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** slightly acid; clay; sand; loam

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** moderate

**Pest resistance:** low susceptibility to pests and diseases

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