

# Chinese Holly

## *Ilex cornuta* 'Fineline'

Hollies come in many forms, from large trees to dwarf shrubs. Some make excellent hedges, while others shine alone as accent plants. 'Fine Line', sometimes seen as 'Fineline', produces small deep-green leaves with a gold outline and small crimson fruits. 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. Easy and durable. Low Maintenance. Water regularly. Well-drained soils essential. *Ilex cornuta* 'Fineline' is an evergreen shrub with lustrous dark green, spiny, blocky leaves 2 to 3 inches long. Heavy crops of berries remain throughout the winter. Older plants may be pruned into small trees.

**Type:** evergreen shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7 through 9

**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:** 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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