Dahoon Holly is ideal for a variety of landscape settings. Capable of reaching 40 feet in height, dahoon holly is usually seen at a height of 20 to 30 feet with an 8 to 12-foot spread. Possessing male and female flowers on separate plants, at least two dahoon hollies (male and female) must be planted in the landscape to ensure production of the brilliant red berries in fall and winter. The berries serve as an excellent food source for wildlife. It does best on moist soils since the wet, boggy soils of swamps is its native environment. Dahoon holly can tolerate drier locations with some watering, but often has a thin crown in this environment. Little pruning is needed to create a well-structured, strong tree. It appears to adapt well to the confined spaces of urban and downtown landscapes and is tolerant of some salt spray. The crown is fuller in full sun.

**Type:** evergreen shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 7 through 11

**Uses:** espalier; hedge; deck or patio; screen; specimen; container or planter; bonsai

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 20 to 30 feet  
**Spread:** 8 to 12 feet

**Light requirement:** part shade to full sun

**Soil tolerances:** clay; sand; loam; alkaline; acidic; wet to well-drained

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Aerosol salt tolerance:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** native

**Pest resistance:** resistant to pests/diseases

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