

Sky Pencil Holly ***Ilex crenata***

Unique and with a style all its own, Sky Pencil holly is a versatile plant with dozens of uses in the landscape. The first thing you will notice is its narrow, columnar shape. If left to grow naturally, it grows no more than 2 feet wide, and you can prune it to just a foot in width. They produce small, greenish flowers and female plants produce tiny, black berries. You do not have to worry about coming in contact with the plant because the leaves are not prickly as with other types of holly shrubs. They look well-groomed without much pruning.



Plant Care:

Although partial sun is tolerable, it thrives in full sun (6 to 8 hours of sunlight each day) whenever possible. For best growing results, make sure the soil drains well. Fertilize your Sky Pencil Holly tree once annually with a slow-release fertilizer.

Watering: Water your Sky Pencil Holly regularly to help the root system become well established. As a good rule of thumb, check soil surrounding your tree to make sure it's moist, but not soggy. If the leaves become pale green in color this could be an indication that too much water is present in the soil.

References:

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