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Drops Of Gold Japanese Holly

Ilex crenata 'Drops Of Gold'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Box-leaved Holly

Description:

Valued for its spectacular golden-yellow foliage on the upper branches that stand out against the green foliage below; its upright compact growth habit makes it perfect for smaller landscapes; can be sheared for a formal appearance

Ornamental Features

Drops Of Gold Japanese Holly is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive gold evergreen foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Drops Of Gold Japanese Holly is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Drops Of Gold Japanese Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Drops Of Gold Japanese Holly foliage
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Planting & Growing

Drops Of Gold Japanese Holly will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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