HOLLIES FOR THE LANDSCAPE

*Ilex crenata* ‘Beehive’ Japanese Holly

**A Rutgers NJAES introduction** - This is a northern hardy, Japanese Holly with a compact globe habit and shiny green foliage.

*Ilex* ‘Winter Bounty’

**A Rutgers NJAES introduction** – ‘Winter Bounty’ (*I. ciliospinosa* × *I. latifolia*) is a unique holly with bold, shiny, long, nearly smooth leaves, rounded evergreen foliage. Heavy berry display, pollinate with 'Blue Prince', reportedly deer resistant.

*Ilex crenata* ‘Jersey Pinnacle’ Japanese Holly

**A Rutgers NJAES introduction** – this holly has a dense upright tight growing form with glossy dark green leaves.

*Ilex rugosa* × *I. (integra×pernyi)*

Rutgers ‘Spartan’ Holly

U.S. Plant Patent #20,804

**A Rutgers NJAES introduction** – ‘Spartan’ is a new and distinct variety of evergreen holly distinguished in that it combines from three species (*Ilex rugosa*, *Ilex integra*, and *Ilex pernyi*), and has desirable landscape and production traits which distinguish it from all other forms of *Ilex*. In a landscape setting, the growth habit can be described as dense, self-compacting, and conical. Spartan has a unique combination of characteristics: nearly conical shape with minimal pruning; moderately vigorous, dense and self-compacting; easy to maintain at desired height; leaves are consumer friendly (no spines); abundant and well-distributed fruit; and low susceptibility to disease and insect pests. The plants can be used as foundation plants, hedge plants, and as single specimen plants since they are easy to maintain at a desired height.
**Ilex x ‘Rutzan’ ‘Red Beauty’ Holly**

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**A Rutgers NJAES introduction** - Red Beauty® is a new and distinct variety of evergreen holly distinguished in that it combines from three species (*Ilex aquifolium, Ilex rugosa*, and *Ilex pernyi*), and has desirable landscape and production traits which distinguish it from all other forms of *Ilex*. Leaves do not become lighter green when bearing a heavy crop of fruit as do the leaves of many varieties of Ilex. A unique conical or pyramidal shape can be achieved by simply developing a central leader, which will also increase the height. Red Beauty® has a unique combination of characteristics: unique combination of berries, leaves, flowers, form, compactness, and hardiness; abundant, bright red berries and dark green glossy foliage, medium-size spiny leaves; narrow to moderate conical form with little to no pruning, dense branches; high hardiness level in Zones 6 to 10; mature size 7 to 10 ft. tall, 4 to 5 ft. wide after 7+ years; small white flowers in spring; and highly deer resistant (demonstrated). ‘Blue Prince’ also in the collection, is a pollinator for ‘Red Beauty’.

**Ilex opaca ‘Jersey Knight’**

**A Rutgers NJAES introduction** - The ‘Jersey Knight’ American holly grows vigorously to form a dense, upright pyramid of satin-glossy, dark green foliage. In full sun locations, it becomes quite symmetrical in silhouette. The species is a broadleaf evergreen tree native to the central and southeastern portions of the United States. This cultivar was introduced into the horticultural trade in 1965 by Dr. Elwin Orton of Rutgers University, who discovered it growing in the yard of New Jersey Judge Thomas Brown in 1945. A male selection, ‘Jersey Knight’ does not produce fruits but bears tiny white flowers in spring that bees visit. This cultivar supplies the pollen needed for any nearby female American holly to yield berries later in the season. ‘Jersey Knight’ is a standard, steadfast pollinator tree for the landscape. Excessive shade will result in more open, leggy growth. American holly makes a stately solitary specimen, and is suitable for large hedges, large-scale foundation plantings and spacious shrub borders. Its cut boughs, even without berries in the case of ‘Jersey Knight,’ are a festive addition to winter holiday arrangements.

**Ilex opaca ‘Jersey Princess’**

**A Rutgers NJAES introduction** - Widely considered one of the finest fruiting cultivars, this Rutgers offering holds its lustrous green leaf color and bright red fruit well into winter. This tree becomes a dense, upright pyramid of glossy foliage that rivals that of any English holly. ‘Jersey Princess’ is a Dr. Elwin Orton selection from Rutgers University, and is among the most commercially available and winter-hardy of cultivars. A female selection, ‘Jersey Princess’ produces tiny white flowers in spring that bees visit. Pollen from nearby male holly trees is necessary for any berry production on this plant. ‘Jersey Princess’ prefers full to partial sun locations with moist, fertile, average to well-drained, non-alkaline soil.