



EAST PALATKA HOLLY

Ilex x attenuata 'East Palatka'

Ilex x attenuata is a native hybrid of *Ilex cassine* x *Ilex opaca* that merits greater utilization outside of its native Florida origin. If grown with a central leader in the nursery, the end user will acquire a tree with increased durability and resistance to storm damage. Single trunk specimens from the nursery also allow the end user to maintain the tree as a dense formal specimen in the landscape or let the tree revert to its natural growth habit as an open pyramid of drooping branches growing from a central leader.

East Palatka is a proven urban performer where air pollution, poor drainage, compacted soil and/or drought are common. The growth habit allows for great utilization where vertical space of parking lot islands and narrow residential lots are an issue. Abundant berries provide a seasonal changing of landscape beauty and great rewards for migrating birds.



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East Palatka foliage

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Native Origin: Hybrid

Development:

First discovered in 1927 near East Palatka, Florida

Description:

Hardy Range: 7A to 10A

Mature Height: 25' to 40' / 7.6m to 12.2m

Mature Spread: 15' to 20' / 4.6m to 6.1m

Growth Rate: 12 to 15 years to maturity

Form: Columnar and pyramidal

Persistence: Evergreen

Ornamental Characteristics:

Flowers are inconspicuous with white blooms in spring. Foliage is dark green with no change in fall. The fruit is abundant, red, fleshy, round, persistent, attractive and edible by birds.

Environment:

Soil: Clay, sand, loam; acidic; well-drained

Salt: Medium

Exposure: Partial sun to full sun



full sun



partial shade



medium
salt tolerance



ornamental



evergreen

