

HOLLY BUSHES AT-A-GLANCE

ABOUT

- Perennial bush that grows in a cone shape
- Plants are either male or female, so need both to produce berries
- Has glossy green foliage and females have red or yellow berries
- Berries last for several months
- Great for attracting pollinators
- Planted as transplants that can be found in nurseries and garden centers

STATS

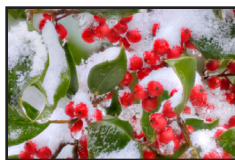
- American varieties vary in height between 2 to 50 feet tall
- Spacing depends on variety
- Blooms in May through June; Berries ripen in September through December

REQUIREMENTS

- Hardy in USDA Zones 5-9
- Full sun or partial shade location
- Acidic soil pH of under 6.0
- Loose, well-draining soil; They don't do well in dense soils

PLANTING TRANSPLANTS

- Plant in fall, late winter, or early spring
- Amend highly alkaline soils to lower pH values
- Create hole 2x as wide as transplant and a little deeper
- Add plant; Backfill and water well
- Mulch with pine needles or wood chips to help lower pH



MAINTENANCE

- Water new plants weekly until established
- Give acid-loving fertilizer in spring
- Can prune in winter to help maintain shape and size

ISSUES

- Spider mites, whitefly, scale, and leaf miners
- Root rot, leaf spot, and powdery mildew

MISC

- Berries are mildly toxic to humans and pets but are great for birds and other wild animals
- Cuttings make excellent holiday decorations



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