



# Ilex x aquipernyi DRAGON LADY

## ('Meschick')



<b>Height</b>	3 - 6 m
<b>Width</b>	2-3m
<b>Crown</b>	pyramidal, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	young twigs dark green, bark green-brown, smooth
<b>Leaf</b>	oval, glossy dark green, very spiky, 4 - 6 cm, evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	, white, inconspicuous, solitar in the leaf axils, May/June
<b>Fruits</b>	fleshy drupe, 6 - 8 mm, vivid red
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	has toxic components
<b>Soil type</b>	humic, moist but well-drained soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	very good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
<b>Application</b>	tree containers, roof gardens, coastal areas, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem treem

Small tree with a very regular, densely branching, pyramidal crown, about 3 - 6 m tall. Young twigs are dark green, mature bark is green-brown and smooth. The glossy dark green leaves are oval to almost rectangular, with downward-curling tips. They are 3 - 5 cm long and about half as wide. The margins are very undulate, with 4 - 6 strong, sharp prickles. The flowers are small, fairly inconspicuous and female. They are followed by vibrant red berries 6 - 8 mm across. Sometimes attributed to the hybrid *I. x meserveae*, but originated from a cross between *I. aquifolium* and *I. pernyi*. Prefers a humic, moist but well-drained soil and tolerates either acidic or calcareous soil. As well as its use in parks and gardens it is also suitable for use as a narrow hedge.