

Inkberry

This native evergreen shrub is a great shelter plant for birds and animals. The black berries are an important food source for birds including Bobwhite Quail and Wild Turkey. Raccoon, Coyote and Opossum depend on Inkberry when other food is scarce. The flowers are an important nectar source for honey production. This is one of very few evergreen shrubs that tolerate wet conditions. The leaves can be used to make a caffeinated tea. Requires male and female for fruit production.

**NATIVE TO EASTERN
UNITED STATES**



Ilex glabra

- Hardiness: Zone 5-9
- Size: 6-10' by same
- Habit: Upright, rounded evergreen shrub. Slow growth rate, fast from suckers
- Culture: Prefers moist soils and full sun. Tolerates wet and shade
- Uses: Foundation, hedges, masses, accent, high wildlife value, nectar source, evergreen for wet areas, erosion control, watershed protection, beverage.