



Ilex xaltaclerensis 'Golden King'



Height	5-6 m
Crown	broad conical, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	brown, green
Leaf	variegated, green/yellow, evergreen
Flowers	white, flowers in May
Fruits	reddish brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	sandy soil, peaty soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7b (-14,9 to -12,3 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Fauna tree	can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, coastal areas, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	multi-stem tree

Small tree with densely branched, broad pyramidal crown to about 6 m. Young twigs are purple, mature bark is green-brown and smooth. Leaves are glossy dark green to grey-green, marked with broad yellow, later cream coloured margins. The margins are smooth or have a few small prickles. The flowers are small and fairly inconspicuous. Despite the name 'Golden King', they are female. They are followed by glossy, brownish red, drupes (commonly called 'berries') about 8 mm across. Prefers a humic, moist but well-drained soil and tolerates either acidic or calcareous soil. Also suitable for use as tall hedge.