



Ilex x koehneana 'Chestnut Leaf'



Height	6 - 12 (15) m
Crown	pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs bright green, bark green-brown, smooth
Leaf	oval to elliptical, glossy dark green, regularly spiked margin, 11 - 16 cm, evergreen
Flowers	unisexual, white, in clusters in the leaf axils, May/June
Fruits	fleshy, round drupe, orange-red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	humic, well-drained soil, tolerates either acidic or calcareous soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	very good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, coastal areas, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	France
Synonyms	Ilex castaneifolia

Medium-size to large tree with a regular, pyramidal crown. Young twigs are bright green, mature bark is green-brown and smooth. The glossy dark green leaves are fairly thick and feel very leathery. The margins are only slightly undulate, with regular spikes. The spikes are fairly short and feel slightly sharp. The flowers are small, fairly inconspicuous and female. They are followed by orange-red, fleshy drupes (commonly called berries). Originated from a cross between *I. aquifolium* and *I. latifolia*. Prefers a humic, moist but well-drained soil and tolerates either acidic or calcareous soil. Can tolerate hot, dry conditions. Also suitable for use in wide avenues.