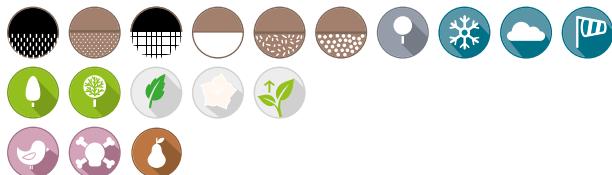




## Ilex aquifolium 'Alaska'



<b>Height</b>	5-6 m
<b>Crown</b>	ovoid / egg-shaped, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	brown, green
<b>Leaf</b>	evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	white, flowers in May
<b>Fruits</b>	red
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	has toxic components
<b>Soil type</b>	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, nutrient-poor soil, acid soil, calcareous soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardness 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>	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, coastal areas, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens

Small tree with densely branching, narrow pyramidal to ovoid crown, to about 6 m. Young twigs are bright green, mature bark is green-brown and smooth. The leaves are conspicuously glossy and dark green. The margins are very undulate, with 5 - 7 sharp prickles on each side. The flowers are small, fairly inconspicuous and female. They are followed by glossy, bright red, fleshy 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 a hedge.