

GREAT PLANT PICKS

Ilex Field Evaluation Report 02/13/02

Washington Park Arboretum, Seattle, WA
Judges: Alan Dodson, Richie Steffen, Randall Hitchin, Tanya DeMarsh-Dodson

All plants were given a numerical score from 1 (worst) to five (best). Scores on this report reflect the average of four individual scores.

Taxa	Overall Score	Health Quality	Habit Quality	Overall Ornamental Appeal	Disease Pest Resistance	Cultural Adaptability	Fruit/ Flower Production	Comments
<i>Ilex x altacrerensis</i> 'Camelliifolia'	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.7	3.7	4	Tall, narrow. Dark green wavy, spineless foliage. Fairly persistent bright red-orange fruit. Fruits well in shade.
<i>I. x altacrerensis</i> 'Nobilis Picta'	4.0	4.7	4.7	4	4.5	3.5	2.3	Pyramidal, with excellent, but unstable, golden medio-variegated foliage. Large, showy, scarlet fruit.
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Angustifolia'	4.2	4.25	4.25	3.75	4	4.25	4.7	Narrow, upright habit, with fine texture. Profusely persistent, small, red-orange fruit.
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Argentea arginata Pendula'	3.9	5	4	4.5	-----	-----	2	Cream, marginally variegated edges. Bright red fruit.
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Crispa Aureopicta'	3.4	3	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.4	NA	"Strange" curled foliage with heavy gold variegation. Some reversion. Male clone.
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Ferox Argentea'	4.4	4.5	4.75	4.25	4.25	4.5	NA	Compact, dense habit. Spiny foliage. Male clone.
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Flavescens'	4.2	4.75	4.75	4.5	4.25	3.75	3	"Nice," compact habit. Variegated foliage—golden in sunlight. Somewhat persistent, bright red fruit.
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Madame Briot'	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.7	Good cream marginal variegation. Scarlet fruit.

GREAT PLANT PICKS

Taxa	Overall Score	Health Quality	Habit Quality	Overall Ornamental Appeal	Disease Pest Resistance	Cultural Adaptability	Fruit/ Flower Production	Comments
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Recurva'	3.9	4	4	3.7	4	3.7	NA	Very dark, small, glossy foliage. Male clone.
<i>I. aquifolium</i> 'Rubricaulis Aurea'	4.4	4.75	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.7	Cream-edged foliage. Very persistent, large, showy bright red fruit, with purple stems. ¹
<i>I. x bearii</i>	3.8	4.7	3.7	2.7	4.7	3.4	3.7	Upright, strong leader. Orange-red fruit.
<i>I. crenata</i> f. <i>watanabeana</i>	3.6	4	3.4	3.4	4.4	4	2.4	Small, pale yellow fruit.
<i>I. x koehneana</i> 'San Jose'	4.6	5	4.25	4.25	5	4.25	4.7	Upright, conical tree. Bold texture. Persistent, profuse, and showy orange-red fruit.
<i>I. latifolia</i>	3.5	4	3.7	2	4.4	3.7	2	Upright, ² conical, with bold texture.
<i>I. 'Mary Nell'</i>	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.4	3.7	3.5	Glossy, medium green, slightly rugose foliage. Large fruit.
<i>I. opaca</i> 'Canary'	4.4	4.75	4	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.7	Broadly pyramidal. Very persistent, "wonderful" matte gold-yellow fruit.
<i>I. opaca</i> 'Farage'	4.5	4.75	4.75	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.7	Persistent dull red "but pleasing" fruit. Very attractive dense foliage. Shade tolerant.

Notes:

Fruit/Flower Production: Due to the late date of this evaluation, relative to initial berry production in the autumn, all comments attribute to good persistence of the fruit on the cultivars evaluated. In only two cases, *I. x ataclarensis* 'Nobilis Picta' and *I. aquifolium* 'Argentea Marginata Pendula', was an individual plant's overall score changed markedly by not including its Fruit/Flower Production score. Both these cultivars are male clones and did not receive a score for Fruit/Flower Production; their overall scores reflect only the averages of all other categories.

¹ Alan: "One of the nicest variegated forms I've seen."

² Randall: "a collector's plant?"