

## **Inkberry** ***Ilex glabra***

The inkberry is easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade. It is adaptable to both light and heavy soils, tolerates wet soils, and prefers rich, consistently moist, acidic soils in full sun. It has good shade tolerance, however. Prune to shape in early spring just before new growth begins. Plants generally need minimal pruning unless used as a hedge (perhaps best grown as an informal hedge).

It typically matures to 5-8' tall and wide, and can spread by root suckers to form colonies. Its berries emerge in early fall and persist through winter into early spring to provide food for birds. Gallberry honey is a highly-rated honey that results from bees feeding on inkberry flowers.



**Plant Care and Maintenance:** Water occasionally after established (after the first several months in the ground). Does well in full sun to part shade. Shape and prune as a hedge if desired.

### **References:**

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