



Ilex crenata 'Glory Gem'



Height	1-2 m
Width	0,5-1m
Crown	dark, dense crown
Leaf	green, evergreen
Flowers	white, flowers in May, June
Fruits	black
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, 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, valuable for butterflies
Application	roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Origin	U.S. National Arboretum, Washington D.C., USA, 1993

'Glory Gem' has a broad upright growth habit with diagonally extending branches. The plant eventually grows to about 2 m in height and at least 2 m in diameter. The young twigs are dark purple-brown, the old bark is dark grey-brown. The leaves, typical of *Ilex crenata*, are inversely ovate to broadly elliptical and about 1-1.5 cm long. They are a glossy dark green, giving the plant a healthy appearance. 'Glory Gem' is a richly flowering, female cultivar. Numerous small white flowers are visible in the bush around late May-early June. After pollination (so there must be a male plant nearby), glossy black berries are formed.

'Glory Gem' is very suitable for use in small planting groups or as a low, wide hedge or block hedge. Can be grown in any soil, but preferably humus-rich and sufficiently moist but well-drained. On heavy and insufficiently permeable soil, growth will stagnate, making the plant sticky. Hardiness zone 6.