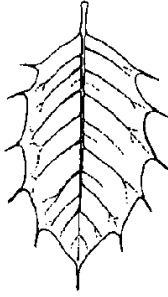


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The holly leaf is thick and leathery, elliptical with characteristic spines. A natural evergreen the leaves maintain their dark green luster in all seasons. After 3 years the older leaves drop off in the spring.

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The flowers are small white blossoms which appear in May or June. The pollen bearing flowers and the seed bearing ones are on separate trees. The fruit are bright red berries which remain attached to the branches throughout winter.

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The many short branches form a pyramidal structure and, if not taken for Christmas decorations, the lowest branches sweep the ground. The bark is light gray and smooth, becoming rough with warts.

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Branches of the evergreen holly, with their bright red berries, have been a traditional indoor decoration for the Christmas season. The berries which have been left in nature provide food for the birds who are undeterred by the prickly leaves.

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