

Barrie Location 4346 Highway 90 Springwater, Ontario L9X 1T7

# **Bradford Location**

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September Fire American Holly Ilex opaca 'September Fire'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

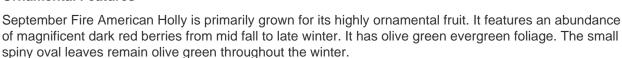
Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 6b

#### **Description:**

This interesting selection has small, spiny, twisted, evergreen leaves and showy dark-red berries in winter; dense, conical habit of growth; an excellent specimen plant for the home landscape, does best in evenly moist, acidic soils

### **Ornamental Features**



## Landscape Attributes

September Fire American Holly is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

September Fire American Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening



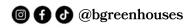
September Fire American Holly fruit Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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## **Planting & Growing**

September Fire American Holly will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more. This is a female variety of the species which requires a male selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.