



Ilex

The hollies

There are a number of Ilex varieties that are superb foliage and berry forms used extensively in the floral trade all around the world. We are fortunate to now have these varieties available to growers in New Zealand.

The new Ilex grow very well in most parts of New Zealand, especially in areas with cooler winter temperatures. The Ilex Blue Fantasy® is a superb green filler (no sharp needles) and has an excellent vase life of at least two weeks.

The berry forms of Ilex are in real demand for export and local market sales. The berries mature in the autumn, but need to be covered as birds like to eat them, especially when ripe.

The best way of planting the Ilex for stem production is 1 metre apart for two rows then a tractor gap of two to three meters then two more planted rows with the plants 1 metre apart.

Ilex Blue Fantasy® (Codeed Provisional PVR)

Pretty fresh green autumn leaves.
A lovely 'filler' for bouquets. Excellent winter hardiness
From Kolster BV - non propagation agreement



Ilex verticillata 'Magical® Berry' (Kolmber Provisional PVR)

Branches with deep red berries. A huge improvement on the Ilex verticillata species. The many branches are growing upright, so you can cut more per m². Need to plant 10% male.
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Ilex verticillata 'Golden Verboom'

Branches with yellow berries in the late autumn
Need to plant 10% male pollinators.

