

# 犬柘植

**Ilex crenata (var. kin-me)**

INU TSUGE

*Japanese Holly*

## TECHNICAL SHEET



### Curiosity

Inu means "dog": in ancient times the Japanese used to deem dogs useless, just like Ilex are!

### Characteristics

Fast growth plant, with smooth, green-gray coloured trunk; glossy, dark green leaves; the new sprouts, light green almost golden yellow in March/April, turn intense dark green in May/June. Blooms in June with little white flowers in clusters.

### Care

Grows well in neutral or slightly acid pH soils, as long as well-drained; water regularly using non calcareous water; if grown in a container provide some protection from cold winter wind. Use a slow release fertilizer from March until September. Preventive disinfections with an acaricide from April until September are advised as well as a white oil treatment in winter.

### Pruning

Starting from June and after the new vegetation has reached 15-20 cm. Prevent excessive apical dominance by pruning more frequently the apical shoots as well as the most vigorous ones, in order to preserve the lower or weaker branches.

 sunny

 regular watering

**pH** neutral to slightly acid pH soil

 hardy -10°C