PLANT FACT SHEET

**Use with caution**

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

# *Ilex cornuta* Lindl. & Paxton

**GENUS** *Ilex* **FAMILY** Aquifoliaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Horned holly, Chinese holly, Dog bone, Gougu

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

Caution:

## DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows to 3.5 m high. It spreads 4.5 m wide. The leaves are thick and glossy. They are almost rectangular and spiny. It is self fertile. The fruit are berries. They are larger than English holly. There are several named varieties. The fruit are round and red and 1 cm across.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate frost. It suits mild-winter climates. In temperate areas in China it grows between 100-1,900 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 6-10. Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens.

## NOTES

There are about 400 Ilex species.

## PICTURES



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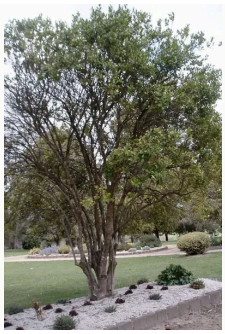

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