

5-15 *Ilex x wandoensis* 'Will's Jade'

Male

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This cultivar originated as a seedling from seed lot #3873 of a 1985 Korean Plant Exploration by the University of Tennessee Arboretum in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This seedling, 3873-71, was 71 of 84 seedlings planted out at that location and located in row 11, location #7 in 1989, is estimated to be about 26 years old and measured at 6.1 m (20 ft) tall with a spread of 2.7 m (9 ft). New growth is typically about 20–25 cm (8–10 in). Dr. Witte was the selector, namer and introducer of the seedling in March 18, 2015.

This large evergreen tree exhibits an oval shape with an upright ascending branching habit (not fastigate). The original plant is (in an open field, near the program shelter, adjacent to four rows of Japanese silverbell, *Styrax japonica*) at the University of Tennessee Arboretum in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The leaves are oblong lanceolate in shape, 6.0 cm (2 3/8 in) long and 3.0 cm (1 3/16 in) wide; coriaceous, glabrous, nearly entire, sparsely spined on the margins and flat in cross section. The leaf apex is acute with bases acute to slightly rounded, with petioles 2 mm (1/16 in) long. The leaves are medium glossy green, Green Group 146C and Yellow Green 131A on the ventral side, on the Royal Hort. Soc. Colour Chart, 1986.

Selection was based on several different cultivars of this putative hybrid, originating in Korea, which show an interesting array of leaf sizes, shapes and fruiting characteristics. Although this hybrid originates from Wando, the Chollipo Arboretum currently possesses the world's largest collection of *Ilex x wandoensis* cultivars. Hardiness is rated at zone 6 on the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map of 1990.

Voucher specimens are on deposit in the herbarium of the U.S. National Arboretum (NA), Washington, D.C. 20002.

**NOTE: This holly was listed in HSA Journal Vol. #33 (2) as having a hardiness rating of zone 7 on the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map of 1990. That is incorrect. This holly has a hardiness rating of zone 6. This document reflects this correction**