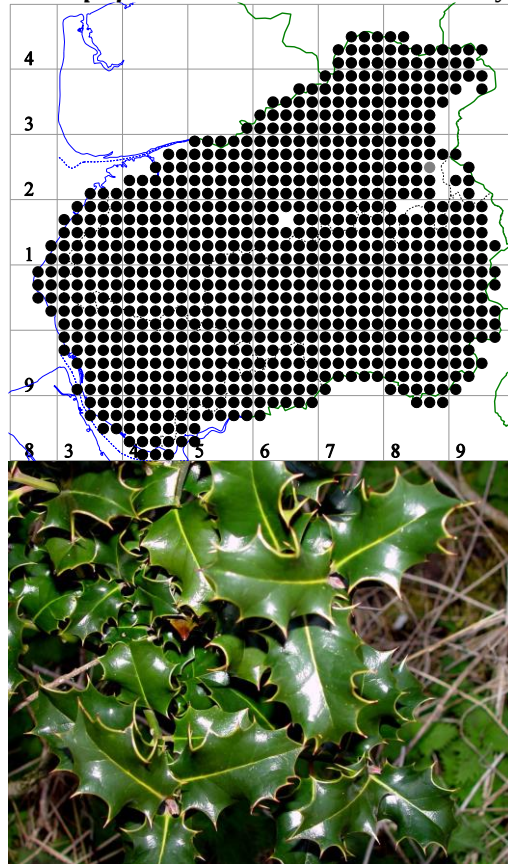


AQUIFOLIACEAE

Holly family

Ilex aquifolium L.

Holly



Southport DP Earl 2008

Status & distribution: Native, Least Concern (Red List for England); generally common and widespread; less frequent in such as the intensively farmed lowland mosslands and where high wet moorland is dominant.

Habitat: Woods, hedgerows, scrub and sand-dunes.

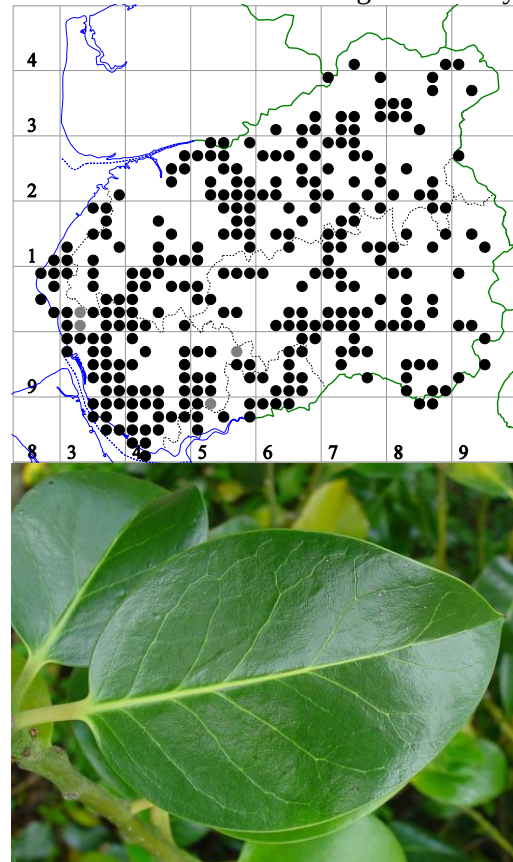
Comments: Holly hedges are a feature of parts of the vice-county particularly around the West Pennine Moors fringes. Over the last thirty years it has spread extensively through some woodlands. A very variable species with numerous varieties surviving in parks, amenity and on derelict land; examples include:



Victoria Park, Southport DP Earl 2008
'Silver Queen' survives as a relic on cultivation of the banks of the Mersey at Parris Wood (SJ8589, DP & J Earl, 2005); 'Golden King' along a path below a railway line to the west of Flixton (SJ7393, Manchester Field Club, 2005). Varieties with yellow berries were found at Winckley & Clerk Hill (SD73N, Nixon 1923).

Ilex x *altaclerensis* (Loudon) Dallimore =
I. aquifolium L. x *I. perdo* Aiton

Highclere Holly



Greaves Hall, Banks DP Earl 2008

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving. Now widely planted and

established at lower altitudes, in the urban areas, by villages and in country parks.

Habitat: In woods, parks, cemeteries and amenity plantations.

Comments: Of horticultural origin; variants are extensively planted as a feature of reclamation schemes on former industrial waste land.

Ilex x *meservae* = *I. aquifolium* x *I.*

rugosa

Meserve Holly



Water, Rossendale DP Earl 2013

Status & distribution: Neophyte-surviving; Rainford (SD4801, DPE & JE, 2009); Dog Kennel Wood, Walton-le-Dale (SD5527, DPE & JE, 2011); Yarrow Valley Park (SD5714, WFS, 2011, det. MPW); Whitnell Local Nature Reserve (SD6322, DPE & JE, 2011); banks of Manchester Ship Canal, east side of Barton Bridge (SJ7697, DPE, 2012); Longton Brickcroft (SD4725, MC, 2012); Grane (SD7522, DPE & JE, 2013); Water (SD8425, DPE & JE, 2013); Withnell Nature Reserve (SD6363122357, DPE & JE, 2018).

Habitat: In woods and amenity plantings.

Comments: Probably of horticultural origin.