

L'ARBORETUM DES PRÉS DES CULANDS
CONSERVATOIRE NATIONAL D'ILEX

La Nivelle, 45130 Meung Sur Loire, France USDA Hardiness Zone 8

In 2015 we had a mild spring, a dry and hot summer, and a mild and temperate fall. Rainfall was very low, and the beginning of winter was mild without frost.

We added *Ilex pernyi* × *aquifolium* 'Dragon Slayer' that had a good yield of fruit.

This year, 2016, we will stop our work on the Arboretum in November. We are looking for someone to buy our Arboretum who is passionate about plants.

We spread information about *Ilex* in expositions, conferences, and articles in some horticultural magazines, and radio and television.

My selections for the year for foliage development and disease and pest resistance are *I.* × 'Becky Stevens', *Ilex* 'Hefcup' Buttercup™, *I.* × 'Centennial Girl', and *I.* × 'River Queen'.

Pierre Paris, Conservateur

Editor's Note: Pierre Paris reports that Stéphane Chassine is now the owner of this arboretum. The new contact information is info@lesjardinsderoquelin.com and www.lesjardinsderoquelin.com.