Chinese holly (*Ilex cornuta*)

- Glossy leaved, evergreen shrub with dense foliage introduced from eastern Asia in 1846.
- Popular ornamental, with many cultivars.
- Leaves have distinctive shape, the terminal spine points down, the next two point up like horns (scientific name ‘cornuta’ means horned).
- Leaves of some cultivars lack the ‘horned’ spines.
- Found escaping near urban plantings.