

HOLLY (*Ilex aquifolium*)

ALL ABOUT THE HOLLY

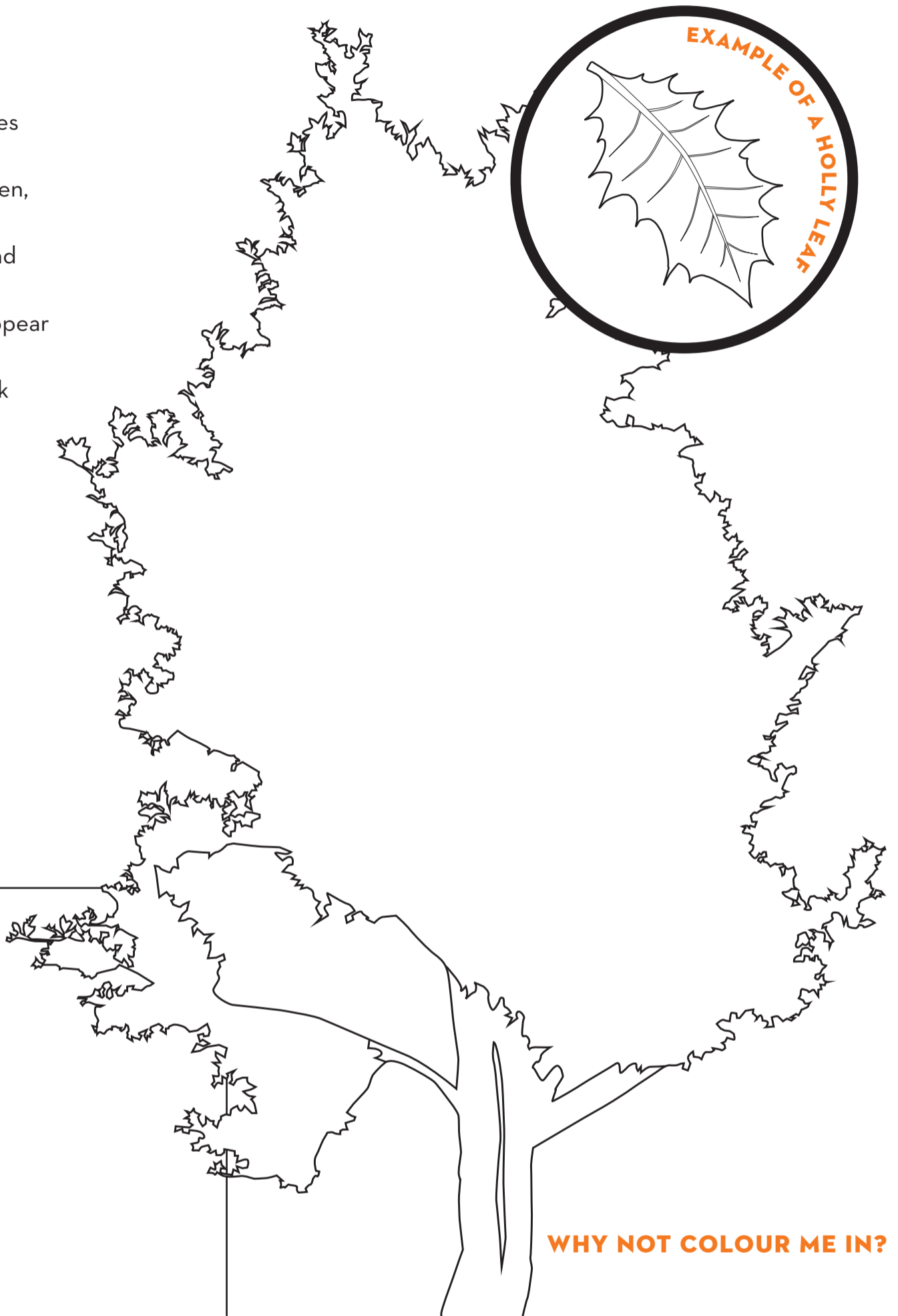
- Holly trees are evergreen so their leaves stay on the tree all year round.
- The leaves on a holly tree are dark-green, glossy and leathery.
- The bark on a holly tree is dark grey and fairly smooth.
- It also has white flowers that usually appear in late spring.
- Holly trees have red berries, which look pretty but are poisonous to humans, so don't touch! They do provide important food for lots of animals though.

HOW BIG IS IT?

The holly tree can grow up to 15 metres tall and is usually between 4 to 5 metres wide.

WHAT SORT OF LEAVES DOES IT HAVE?

Draw a leaf from this tree here, or why not collect one and stick it here instead?



AMAZING FACT

Not all holly leaves are spiky! The leaves lower down the holly tree are generally much more spiky than the ones at the top - this is the tree's way of defending itself from hungry animals!

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