



INSTANT HEDGE SELECTOR GUIDE

| Species | Foliage | Annual trimming | Annual Growth rate | Most ideal situation | Soil acceptance | Dislikes | Demands | Soil pH | Flowers * | Fruits* | Leaves |
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| Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> | Deciduous | Once August | Moderate 20-40cm | Fresh deep soil, full sun or semi shade | All types avoid dry soil | Salt and Air pollution | Sun to shade Well drained | Acidic to alkaline | Inconspicuous | Beech nuts | Medium green, yellow-orange in autumn. Often remain through winter |
| Purple Beech <i>Fagus syl. 'Purpurea'</i> | Deciduous | Once August | Moderate 20-40cm | Fresh deep soil, full sun | All types avoid dry soil | Salt and Air pollution | Sun well drained | Acidic to alkaline | Inconspicuous | Beech nuts | Greenish red, red-brown in autumn. Often remain through winter |
| Box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> | Evergreen | Once June-August | Slow 10-15cm | Well drained soil. Likes warmth | loam | Salt | Sun to slight shade well drained | Neutral to Alkaline | Flowers yellow-green pungent smell April-May | Inconspicuous | Dark to blackish green, shiny aromatic |
| Cherry Laurel <i>Prunus laurocerasus 'Rotundifolia'</i> | Evergreen | Once July/August | Fast 40-60cm | Nutritious soil that is not too heavy | All except shallow chalk | Sensitive to frost Poor drainage | Sun to semi shade Well drained | Neutral to slightly acidic | White, May to June pungent scent | Black, tart cherries | Thick and leathery. Dark green Cut leaves can be poisonous to livestock |
| Hornbeam <i>Carpinus betulus</i> | Deciduous | Once or twice July/August | Fast 30-40cm | Fresh moist soil | All soils Damp soil | Salt Poor soil | Sun to slight shade | Neutral to slightly acidic | Yellow catkins in May | Inconspicuous small nutlets | Elliptical, dark green. Yellow-brown in October. Often remain into Spring |
| Holly <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> | Evergreen | Once August | Slow 20-30cm | Nutritious, calcareous soil, shady & wind protected | All well drained soils | Heat and draught Frost on heavy soil | Sun to semi shade | Acidic to alkaline | Small white May/June | Pea size bright red stone fruit in winter. Poisonous | Shiny dark green on top, light green underneath. Thorny |
| Native Mix <i>Hazel/Field Maple/Hornbeam</i> | Deciduous | Once or twice July twice to thicken | Fast 40-60cm | Fresh well drained soil with regular water | All soils that are not poor or too acidic | Salt Dry soil | Sun to slight shade | Neutral to slightly acidic | <i>Hazel:</i> Yellow catkins <i>Maple:</i> inconspicuous <i>Hornbeam:</i> Yellow catkins | <i>Hazel:</i> Hazelnuts <i>Maple:</i> inconspicuous <i>Hornbeam:</i> inconspicuous | <i>Hazel:</i> Medium green yellow-orange in autumn <i>Maple:</i> Dark green, bright yellow in autumn <i>Hornbeam:</i> Dark green yellow-brown autumn |
| Yew <i>Taxus baccata</i> | Evergreen | Once August | Slow 10-30cm | Dry to moist soil, High humidity | All except peat | Peat soil | Sun to semi-shade | Slightly acidic to alkaline | Inconspicuous | Red fleshy arils poisonous | Shiny dark to black green needles, pale green underneath. Poisonous |

** Please Note: Flowers and fruit are limited on trimmed hedging **