

# The Gardens Group

## Hedging Guide



No guide to hedging plants can cover the glorious breadth of choices available in the UK. If you are inclined to spend a little more to achieve something special that will flower or offer an unusual range of colours / features, perhaps being exceptionally good for bringing birds into the garden, then you would certainly benefit from speaking directly to one of our hardy plant experts.

What we hope to achieve with this guide is to help you decide between the container grown and the bare root hedging plants that make the more economical and traditional forms of hedging and screen.

The following lists of plants are not comprehensive and we can find many different sizes to order. If you wish to plant a uniform hedge of a single variety it is better to place an order in advance to allow us to get the best price and ensure the plants are perfectly matched from a single batch.

The cheapest hedging plants are sold bare root and can only be purchased while they are dormant – usually from November until about February depending how the weather treats us. These are typically deciduous or semi-evergreen varieties and usually stocked at the 60-80cm high grades.

**Suggested bare-root mixes** – use the following proportions to plan a suitable mix of bare root hedging whips to suit your project. Our staff will be more than happy to help you adjust these according to the total number of plants you have room for.

- a) **Budget Hedge** – 35% *Crataegus monogyna*, 25% *Prunus spinosa*, 1% *Rosa canina*, 20% *Acer campestre*, 15% *Cornus sanguineum*, 4% *Corylus avellana*
- b) **Wildlife friendly hedge** – 25% *Corylus avellana*, 15% *Crataegus monogyna*, 15% *Viburnum opulus*, 10% *Prunus spinosa*, 10% *Cornus sanguineum*, 10% *Viburnum lantana*, 5% *Euonymus europaeus*, 5% *Fagus sylvatica*, 5% *Rosa canina*,
- c) **Flowering hedgerow** – 25% *Crataegus monogyna*, 25% *Prunus spinosa*, 10% *Rosa rugosa*, 10% *Rosa rugosa alba*, 20% *Viburnum opulus*, 10% *Viburnum lantana*, (for an extra treat, why not plant a honeysuckle to ramble through the hedge?)
- d) Most of the evergreen hedging plants will not succeed in bare root form and need to either be rootballed (winter only) or container grown. This allows us to stock a far greater range of sizes.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Description	Price each
Field Maple	<b>Acer campestre</b>	A tough native species with maple leaves that turn yellow in Autumn. Lovely corky bark.	£2.25
Hornbeam	<b>Carpinus betulus</b>	Vigorous native species whose dead leaves remain on tree through winter, clothing the smooth grey stems.	£2.25
Dogwood	<b>Cornus sanguineum</b>	A very shrubby choice that offers good winter colour with its blood red stems.	£2.25
Hazel	<b>Corylus avellana</b>	The dormouse's favourite native hedging plant! Very resilient. Remember to watch for those golden catkins.	£2.25
Hawthorn	<b>Crataegus monogyna</b>	Thorny and dense native with good white flowers and red autumn fruit.	£2.25
Spindle	<b>Euonymus europaeus</b>	A slow growing native with square corky stems and spectacular fruit. Poisonous to mammals.	£2.25
Purple Beech	<b>Fagus syl. Purpurea</b>	The purple leaved form of beech which will achieve best colour in strong sunshine.	£4.50
Beech	<b>Fagus sylvatica</b>	Consistent formal hedging with rich coloured foliage hanging on through the winter.	£2.25
Golden Privet	<b>Ligustrum ovafolium Aureum</b>	A plant to bring light and colour into the garden with its golden variegation. Semi-evergreen.(Size 40-60cm)	£4.00
Privet	<b>Ligustrum ovafolium</b>	This wildlife friendly privet will often keep lots of foliage year round in sheltered locations.	£4.00
Shrubby Honeysuckle	<b>Lonicera nitida</b>	Also known as box privet, a small leaved, dense evergreen that will thrive anywhere. (Size 30-40cms)	£3.00
Blackthorn	<b>Prunus spinosa</b>	Thorny, decorated with May flowers in the early spring and producing sloes in Autumn.	£2.25
Dog Rose	<b>Rosa canina</b>	Our native hedgerow rose, attractive to wildlife with beautiful flowers and seasonal rosehips.	£2.25
Pink Hedghog Rose	<b>Rosa rugosa</b>	The pink flowering form of the traditional hedging rose. Forms large, ornamental 'hips' in Autumn.	£3.00
White Hedgehog Rose	<b>Rosa rugosa alba</b>	The white flowering form of the traditional hedging rose. Forms large, ornamental 'hips' in Autumn.	£3.00
Wayfaring Tree	<b>Viburnum lantana</b>	Native, with silver grey foliage, creamy-white flowers and berries that turn from red to black.	£2.25
Guelder Rose	<b>Viburnum opulus</b>	Not a rose but stunning plant while in fruit and flower. Another native plant that is great for our wildlife.	£2.25

*The above prices are correct for Autumn/Winter 2017*

**Bulk Discount** If you are buying 25+ hedging plants in one transaction these will qualify for a 10% discount. For purchases of 100+ hedging plants the discount will increase to 20%.



## Container grown hedging plants

Common Name	Botanical Name	Description
Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	A robust evergreen that will provide 100% screening. Tolerates almost any site and soil. Flowers and fruit on mature specimens.
Common Box	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	Traditional formal hedging – easy to care for, evergreen with small dark-green leaves.
Cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster franchettii</i>	Sage-green leaves and orange-red fruit following white spring flowers. A graceful form that is semi-evergreen.
Darwin's Barberry	<i>Berberis darwinii</i>	This dense, early flowering evergreen shrub was discovered by Charles Darwin. Wildlife friendly. Sun or partial shade.
Dwarf Box	<i>Buxus suffruticosa</i>	The dwarf form of box suited to formal edges and borders.
Eleagnus	<i>Eleagnus ebbingei</i>	This large, hardy evergreen offers fragrant autumn flowers and pleasant spring fruit. An excellent windbreak, even in coastal areas.
Escallonia	<i>Escallonia</i> (various)	Very attractive flowers from summer to early autumn. Evergreen. Will thrive in any area with reasonable drainage.
Fuschia	<i>Fuchsia 'Riccartonii'</i>	The famous Irish hedge, typically underplanted with <i>Crocsmia</i> . A wildlife haven and long lasting display of summer flowers.
Griselinia	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>	Dense and glossy evergreen foliage. Enjoys any fertile soil and copes well with coastal locations.
Griselinia	<i>Griselinia littoralis 'variegata'</i>	A variegated form of <i>Griselinia</i> that retains the typical characteristics. Avoid extremely cold areas.
Holly	<i>Ilex</i> (various)	Slow growing but shade tolerant, <i>Ilex</i> varieties have a variety of features – spiky or smooth, green or variegated, fruiting or otherwise.
Laurustine	<i>Viburnum tinus</i>	Shade tolerant evergreen hedging shrub. Winter flowering.
Lavender	<i>Lavendula</i>	Not for a long term barrier but very pleasant as a boundary marker for a few years. Not suitable to plant during winter.
Leylandii	x <i>Cupressocyparis Leylandii</i>	A much sneered at conifer that has caused many a boundary dispute! Not the only conifer that is suitable for hedging – why not ask our team!
Photinia	<i>Photinia 'Red Robin'</i>	A popular choice, with young foliage emerging red before ripening to a dark glossy green. Some smaller growing varieties are also available.
Portuguese Laurel	<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Evergreen. Dark shapely leaves, long racemes of small white flowers in June. Chalk tolerant and very hardy.
Yew	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Handsome and formal, another popular evergreen hedging variety.

All of our hedging plants are covered by our FREE 2 year hardy plant guarantee.