

hedge selector

	Growth rate	Possible size if unpruned	Ideal size (height x width)	Maintenance - how often	When to prune	Flowers	Foliage	Autumn/winter interest	Spines/prickle	Wind/salt/Shade/soil tolerance
Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> *		Large Tree	2 x 1.2m	Once	Aug		D/LL			W
Berberis <i>B. darwinii</i> <i>B. x stenophylla</i>		Large Shrub	1.5-2.4 x 1m	Once	July		E		✓	Sh
Cherry laurel <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>		Large Shrub	2 x 1.5m	Once	July/Aug		E			W/St/Sh/R
Cotoneaster <i>Cotoneaster simonsii</i>		Large Shrub	2 x 1.5m	Once	Aug		SE			W/St
Escallonia <i>E. rubra</i> var. <i>macrantha</i>		Large Shrub	2.1 x 1.2m	Twice	Aug		E			W/St
Firethorn <i>Pyracantha</i>		Large Shrub	2 x 1.5m	Twice	July/Aug		SE		✓	W/St/R
Hawthorn <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> *		Small Tree	2.4 x 1.2m	Twice	June/Aug		D		✓	R
Hazel <i>Corylus avellana</i> *		Small Tree	2.1 x 1.5m	Once	July		D			W
Holly <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> *, <i>Ilex x altaclarensis</i>		Small Tree	2.4 x 1.5m	Once	Aug		E		✓	W
Hornbeam * <i>Carpinus betulus</i>		Large Tree	2.4 x 1.2m	Once	July/Aug		D/LL			W/St/R
Lawson's cypress <i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>		Large Tree	1.5-2.4 x 1.5m	Twice	July/Aug		Conifer E			W/St
Leyland cypress <i>x Cupressocyparis leylandii</i>		Large Tree	3 x 1.2m	Twice	June-Aug		Conifer E			W/R
Portugal laurel <i>Prunus lusitanica</i>		Large Shrub	2 x 1.5m	Once	July/Aug		E			W/St
Privet <i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>		Large Shrub	1.5-2.4 x 1.2m	Three	May-Aug		SE			Sh/R
Rose <i>Rosa rugosa</i>		Large Shrub	1.5-2.1 x 1.2m	Once	March		D		✓	
Western red cedar <i>Thuja plicata</i>		Large Tree	2.4-1.5m	Twice	Aug		Conifer E			W
Yew <i>Taxus baccata</i> *		Large Tree	1.2-2.4 x 1m	Once	Aug		Conifer E			W/St/Sh/R

Source: Royal Horticultural Society

KEY

*: Native species

Growth rate (once established):

- fast, over 60cm/year;
- medium, 30-60cm/year;
- slow, 15-30cm/year

Flowers:

- scented flowers

Foliage:

D - deciduous; LL - dead leaves held in winter;
E - evergreen; SE - semi evergreen. Coloured and variegated forms may be available.

Wind/salt/shade/soil tolerance:

Tolerates R - a range of soils; St - salt; Sh - shade; W - wind

Autumn/winter interest:

- berries or nuts; - leaf colour