

What species is best4mysituation?

Please use this guide to help you choose the species that is best4yoursituation. For further advice please call us on 01257 261243.

Click on any of the underlined words for a definition - where a species is particularly well suited we've said its "★ (ideal)" but all those listed as "✓ (yes)" would also be suitable.

	evergreen or semi evergreen	<u>growth rate</u>	best4 hedging up to 1m	best4 hedging 1m to 2m	best4 hedging 2m+	best4 coastal situations	best4 shady situations	best4wet soils	best4windy situations	best4 security hedging	best4 flowers	best4 berries	<u>best4rabbit resistance</u>	<u>native</u>	<u>harmful if eaten</u>
Beech	semi	medium	✓	✓	✓		★							✓	
Bird Cherry		medium		✓	✓						✓			✓	
Blackthorn		medium		✓	✓	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Box	evergreen	slow	✓				★						✓	✓	
Dog Rose		fast		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	
Elder		fast		✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Escallonia	evergreen	medium	✓	✓		★					✓		✓		
Field Maple		fast		✓	✓	✓	✓		★					✓	
Griselinia	evergreen	medium		✓	✓	★			✓						
Guelder Rose		medium		✓			✓	★	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hawthorn		fast		✓	✓	✓	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Hazel		fast		✓	✓		✓		✓					✓	
Holly	evergreen	fast		✓	✓	✓	★		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Hornbeam	semi	fast	✓	✓	✓		★	★	✓					✓	
June Berry		medium		✓	✓						✓	✓			
Laurel	evergreen	fast		✓	✓	✓	★	★	✓				✓		✓
Lavender	evergreen	slow	✓			✓					✓		✓		
Leylandii	evergreen	very fast			✓	✓			★				✓		
Lonicera nitida	evergreen	medium/fast	✓	✓		✓	✓						✓		
Privet	semi	fast		✓	✓		★		★				✓		✓
Pyracantha	evergreen	medium	✓	✓		✓	★			★	✓	✓			
Western Red Cedar	evergreen	fast		✓	✓		★	★							
Yew	evergreen	slow	✓	✓	✓		★		★				✓	✓	✓

Growth rate

Slow: less than 30cm per annum

Medium: 30/45cm per annum

Fast: 40/60cm per annum

Very fast: 60/90cm per annum

Rabbit resistance - whilst generally these species are less attractive to rabbits, we know of situations where rabbits have cleared a whole Laurel hedge as high as they can reach, so this is not an absolute guarantee that rabbit resistant species will be left alone

Native - a plant that is naturally found in an area (in this case the British Isles) as opposed to having been introduced to the area

Harmful if eaten - hedging species are not intended to be eaten by children or pets and some of the other species not mentioned have slight toxic qualities so if you know your dog is inclined to eat plants please seek further advice from us - but generally all species not marked as "harmful if eaten" should be fine for livestock, wild animals, pets and children