

Trees and Shrubs for Natural Hedging

Field Maple *Acer campestre*

Good hedgerow tree.

Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*

Fast growing, tolerates difficult exposed and contaminated sites.

Horse Chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum*

Large tree bearing conkers, likes fertile soils.

Common Alder *Alnus glutinosa*

Rapid early growth, tolerates damp sites near to water courses.

Grey Alder *Alnus incana*

Conical tree of 12m+, broadening with age, an ideal tree for cold and wet sites tolerating poor soil conditions.

Snowy Mespilus *Amelanchier*

canadensis

Small to medium tree or large shrub with tall erect stems bearing masses of white flowers in early spring.

Silver Birch *Betula pendula*

Graceful woodland tree will succeed on moist soils.

Downy Birch *Betula pubescens*

Good woodland tree, tolerant to wet soils.

Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*

Grey fluted bark, strongly ribbed and toothed leaves; thrives on heavy soils.

Sweet Chestnut *Castanea sativa*

Vigorous growing, best on light soils.

Red Barked Dogwood *Cornus alba*

Forms a thicket of stems, good autumn colour, tolerant to wet soils.

Common Dogwood *Cornus sanguinea*

Greenish red stems, purple autumn colour, black fruits.

Yellow Barked Dogwood *Cornus stolonifera*

Flaviramea

Thicket forming shrub, bright green stems turning yellow in winter, ideal for moist wet conditions.

Hazel *Corylus avellana* Good for screening, attractive autumn colours, long yellow catkins in spring.

Cotoneaster *Cotoneaster franchetii*

Graceful habit, sage green foliage, semi evergreen, orange scarlet fruits, good pheasant cover.

Cotoneaster *Cotoneaster simonsii*

Erect growing semi evergreen suitable for hedging; large orange berries in autumn.

Spindle Tree *Euonymus europaeus*

A native shrub of open habit, vigorous green stems with an abundance of scarlet capsules, ideal inclusion to hedgerows.

Green Beech *Fagus sylvatica*

An ideal garden hedging plant with excellent autumn colour, leaves retained well into the autumn, grows well on chalky or light soils.

Purple Beech *Fagus sylvatica purpurea*

Used to form high quality hedges of distinction with its attractive leaf colour.

Common Ash *Fraxinus excelsior*

Fast growing on most soils.

Common Walnut *Juglans regia*

Slow growing tree with characteristic round head.

Common Privet *Ligustrum vulgare*

Familiar native hedging plant, leaves narrow and oval shaped.

Golden Privet *Ligustrum aureum*

A brightly coloured shrub or hedging plant. Yellow margined leaves sometimes completely yellow.

Shrubby Honeysuckle *Lonicera nitida*

Dense habit, small leaves, ideal hedging plant up to 2m gives good ground cover for pheasants and wildlife.

Common Crab Apple *Malus sylvestris*

Commonly used in hedgerow and amenity planting schemes.

White Poplar *Populus alba*

Large tree, good autumn colour, ideal for exposed sites.

Aspen *Populus tremula*

Prominently toothed leaves which appear to shimmer in the breeze.

Wild Cherry *Prunus avium*

White spring blossom, peeling red mahogany bark; ideal tree for woodland edges.

Cherry Plum *Prunus cerasifera nigra*

Dark red foliage, masses of small white flowers February to March, ideal hedgerow plant.

Cherry Laurel *Prunus laurocerasus*

Vigorous shrub or hedging plant with large glossy leaves.

Blackthorn or Sloe Bush *Prunus spinosa*

Dense spiny shrub, small white flowers March to April, ideal inclusion into hedging schemes.

Sessile Oak *Quercus petraea*

Fast growing native tree which grows well in damp conditions.

English Oak *Quercus robur*

Slow growing broad headed tree.

Red Oak *Quercus rubra*

Large fast growing tree, large lobed leaves, rich autumn colour.

Common Blackthorn *Rhamnus cathartica*

Slender spiny branches bearing glossy green foliage; black berries in autumn.

Alder Buckthorn *Rhamnus frangula*

Yellow foliage in autumn, fruits red turning black; suitable plant for moist conditions.

Common Acacia *Robinia pseudoacacia*

Large open headed tree, rugged bark, thorns on twigs; some know it as "Black Locust Tree".

Field Rose *Rosa arvensis*

Forms dense mounds of slender stems, shining green leaflets, white flowers, native species of hedgerows and woodlands.

Dog Rose *Rosa canina*

Similar in habit to above, long prickly stems, white to pink flowers.

Scotch Rose or Burnet Rose *Rosa*

pimpinellofolia

Small dense thicket, white or pale pink flowers May to June.

Sweet Briar *Rosa rubiginosa*

Strong growing stout erect densely prickly stems with pink flowers.

White willow *Salix alba*

Vigorous fast growing establishing easily on most soils best on moist ground.

Common Osier *Salix viminalis*

Long bright shoots, leaves long and narrow, catkins appear before leaves in spring.

Common Elder *Sambucus nigra*

Fissured bark, cream flattened flowers in June, shiny black autumn fruits.

Golden Elder *Sambucus nigra aurea*

Golden yellow foliage deepening with maturity, a hardy shrub.

Whitebeam *Sorbus aria*

Leaves grey beneath with strong autumn colour, very hardy.

Mountain Ash or Rowan *Sorbus aucuparia*

Pinnate leaves, bright red berries in autumn, good on exposed sites.

Snowberry *Symphoricarpos albus*

Small shrub with slender erect downy shoots, deciduous, hardy and grows in most soils and shaded areas; good pheasant and game cover, excellent for hedging.

Small Leafed Lime *Tilia cordata*

Leathery dark green leaves with paler green beneath.

Broad Leafed Lime *Tilia platyphyllos*

Vigorous growing tree, downy shoots and leaves.

Wayfaring Tree *Viburnum lantana*

Large native shrub, leaves broad and ovate, flowers creamy white in May, red berries turning to black.

Guelder Rose *Viburnum Opulus*

Large vigorous shrub with spreading habit, flattish white flowers June to July and a mass of red berries in the winter, excellent autumn colour.