

Our Top Hedge Picks!

Griselinia Redge

A dwarf variety of Griselinia, compact growing and great on Cornish walls. It will grow around 60cm/2ft a year and is ideal for lower hedges, around 1-2m/3-6ft tall.

Ilex crenata Green Hedge

Small, glossy dark green oval leaves characterise this compact grower. Great as a low hedge or for topiary, this will reach an ultimate height of 2-5m/6-16ft without pruning. It is a preferred variety for forming spectacular cloud trees.



Olearia traversii Compacta

Retaining all the benefits of the original traversii but with a neater, denser, more compact form. A tough, quick growing evergreen with glossy green leaves, silvery white on the undersides. Very tolerant of salt winds and dry, sandy soils. It will reach 1.5-2m/4-6ft but great pruned smaller too – and a great choice for smaller, exposed gardens.



Pseudosasa japonica

A tough, hardy evergreen Bamboo, and one of the best varieties for screening, as it forms the thickest of olive green canes, 4-6m/13-20ft tall – so great for screening traffic noise and noisy neighbours. Plant around 1m/3.3ft apart from one another, or closer for a quicker hedge. It is one of the only bamboos suitable for coastal and windy areas because it holds onto its large jungly leaves. It's fast growing, with new shoots emerging from the base each summer; superseding the previous year's growth by around 1-1.5m/3.3-4.9ft. Prune by slicing off unruly shoots annually, or grow by a lawn to stop it spreading.

Prunus Genolia

With a narrow, upright habit, it forms an A shaped hedge of dark green foliage. Requires a fertile, well fed soil. It will reach an ultimate height of 3.5m/11ft if left untrimmed.

Lonicera Scoop

Possibly the best box substitute. Compact growing with tiny leaves – perfect for topiary and small hedges (40-90cm).

Euonymus japonicus

This wonderful evergreen hedging shrub bears bright green glossy, almost leathery like foliage. Great in most soil types but the wettest, it sits well in a coastal position, and is easy to maintain.

Top Tip!

One of the best bits of advice we can give you is to have a look at your neighbour's garden and see what they are growing. You should be able to enjoy similar in your garden.

For more information on the hedging options touched on, as well as other hedging options, visit our website: www.trevenacross.co.uk.

For more information get in touch with us, and we'll do our best to help and advise you.



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Elaeagnus x ebbingei Compacta

Hedging Plants

Hedging offers a perfect way to bring structure and background colour to a garden, whilst it achieves its main purpose of creating a barrier, and in most cases privacy from neighbours.

We grow tens of thousands of hedging plants here in our nursery each year, and so can supply a hedge for the smallest of gardens or the largest estate.

All of our hedging plants come in various sizes, from small 9cm plants to huge instant 5-6ft tall hedging plants. We have something to suit all needs and pockets.

Our hedging is hardy, and able to withstand salt-laden winds, a common requirement for gardens down here in coastal Cornwall. We grow what we believe to be the best for hedging, and what will stand the test of time and harshest weather conditions.

Hedging Care

Soil preparation

Poor soils around the planting area/in the planting hole need to be enriched with the addition of organic matter such as well rotted manure or compost. Mulching over the soil around the plant with the above, or something like bark chippings will also be of benefit, as it will help the soil to retain moisture in dry periods, as well as keeping the weeds at bay.

Feeding

The addition of a slow release fertiliser (like Trevena Cross fertiliser) at planting time is important for a healthy start and long term growth. It should be placed in the planting hole and then turned over in the subsoil before the plant is placed on top. By keeping it in the localised planting area, you can avoid feeding the weeds too. A slow release fertiliser will only release nutrients when the weather warms up, so it can be applied at any time, but will only be used when needed.

Weed management

Controlling the weeds will ensure that the light, water and nutrients the plant needs, aren't stolen by unwanted growth. If you can keep the weeds away, the plant will grow much quicker. Even wanted growth, like the lawn, can have an impact so don't let the lawn grow right alongside the hedge either.

Watering

Lack of water is the most common reason for hedge failures. New plantings, especially during the drier months, will need watering really well at least once a week to ensure the water gets right down to the roots where moisture is really needed. When planting a hedge on a Cornish wall, be sure to water even more regularly as they will dry out even more quickly.

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A bushier, tighter growing plant than the standard ebbingei variety. A nitrogen fixing, evergreen, hardy, salt-wind tolerant hedging plant that will even grow very close to the sea. It produces fragrant, creamy white flowers in autumn, followed by small red fruits in spring if a pollinator (e.g. Elaeagnus Limelight) is near. It will grow in any well drained soil, even poor, dry soils, as it is particularly drought tolerant, and can be positioned in anything from full sun to heavy shade. Plants should be planted 60cm/2ft apart from one another, and will grow 90-120cm/3-4ft a year once established, with an ultimate height of up to 2.5m/8ft (which can be trimmed to a desired height).

Griselinia littoralis / Griselinia Green Horizon

Griselinia is our biggest seller and is available in 9cm, 2ltr, 5ltr, 10ltr and 20ltr sizes. A fast growing evergreen hedging plant with apple green leaves (Horizon, darker green), hardy to -12°C. It will withstand salt laden winds but not right on the seafront/if very exposed – plant back from the front in such cases. Upright growing, it forms a thin hedge that can be trimmed to a desired height and width, so it won't take up a large part of your garden. Plant 40cm/1-2ft apart from one another for a relatively quick solid hedge. It grows 90cm/3ft a year if fed with a good slow release fertiliser.



Griselinia littoralis in the nursery