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Plants for Screening

Trees, shrubs and hedging are a great way to provide screening for privacy, blocking out unwanted views, creating shelter from wind and reducing traffic noise from adjacent roads. See the examples overleaf of some of the different shapes that can be used for different situations.



Keys points to consider when choosing:

- How much visual screening is required and at what height?
- What is the purpose of the screen – e.g. visual, sound, wind/shelter?
- Does the screen need to be evergreen? Remember that although deciduous trees lose their leaves in winter, some – particularly Beech and Hornbeam – hold onto some leaf through the winter and can therefore still provide a degree of screening in winter.
- For exposed or coastal sites, select plants that tolerate such conditions e.g. Evergreen Oak. Please ask our advisers.
- What is the ultimate height of screen you require? Consider soil and ground conditions and proximity to buildings.

Standard Trees

Shape: Trees with a clear stem are called “Standards”. The shape of the head varies according to species from a ball or lollipop to a loose head.

Good for: Screening a view above a fence or boundary wall – just a single tree or a whole row.

Typical dimensions at time of purchase: Overall heights 3 to 5m. Clear stem 1.8 to 2m.

Suitable¹ Evergreens include: Holly, Holm Oak, Magnolia, Photinia Red Robin, Portugal Laurel, Variegated Privet (semi-evergreen)

Suitable¹ Deciduous: Many, including, Beech, Birch, Cherry, Hornbeam, Ornamental Pear

¹ these are suitable species for screening purposes but selection must be appropriate for site growing conditions

Pleached Trees

Shape: These trees have been trained “flat” onto a bamboo framework.

Good for: Hiding a view above a fence or boundary wall particularly where space is limited. Can be planted to form a hedge “on stilts”.

Typical dimensions at time of purchase: Overall height 3m to 3.5m. Clear stem 1.8 to 2m. Frame 1.2 to 1.5m wide.

Suitable¹ Evergreens include: Photinia Red Robin, Holm Oak

Suitable¹ Deciduous: Hornbeam, Lime, Ornamental Pear

Conifers

Shape: Typical conical shape. Some are fast growing, some slower.

Good for: Can make a very effective screen either individually or as a row – but be aware that in some situations they may not be appropriate if they cause a problem to a neighbour.

Typical dimensions at time of purchase: Available at up to 5m height.

Suitable¹ Evergreens include: Western Red Cedar, Leylandii – Green or Gold, Pine, Yew

Tall Shrubs & “Feathered” Trees

Shape: Typically, plants with several stems and branching starting low down – no clear stem.

Good for: Screening from ground level upwards without the clear stem of a “standard” tree.

Typical dimensions at time of purchase: Up to 3m height.

Suitable¹ Evergreens include: Bamboo, Bay Laurel, Elaeagnus, Holm Oak, Laurel, Photinia Red Robin, Portugal Laurel

Suitable¹ Deciduous: Birch, Cherry, Hazel, Alder, Hornbeam, Beech

Espalier Frames

Shape: These plants have been trained onto a “flat” framework, usually from just above ground level, making a rectangular panel.

Good for: Screening a wall or fence where space is limited.

Typical dimensions at time of purchase: 1m to 2m height x 1m wide.

Suitable¹ Evergreens include: Euonymus, Photinia Red Robin, Portugal Laurel, Star Jasmine

Suitable¹ Deciduous: Hornbeam, Liquidambar

Hedges

Shape: There are many plants suitable for hedging. They require regular trimming to maintain the shape.

Good for: Hedges make a strong solid barrier along a boundary. Good for wildlife.

Typical dimensions at time of purchase: 1m to 5m height.

Suitable¹ Evergreens include: Elaeagnus, Euonymus, Griselinia, Holly, Laurel, Photinia, Portugal Laurel, Yew, Western Red Cedar, Leylandii

Suitable¹ Deciduous: Beech, Hawthorn, Hornbeam, Privet, Mixed Native hedging.