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HEDGE FACT SHEET: EVERGREEN

Practical Instant Hedge™ is a mature ready-grown hedge. Dedicated staff oversee production here at our nursery in Iver, Buckinghamshire. This premium quality hedging product, grown with top quality plants, suitable for both commercial and domestic situations. The evergreen range includes the following species:

Common Name	Latin name	Instant Hedge	Leaf detail
Blue Holly	<i>Ilex meserveae</i>		
<p><i>Ilex meserveae</i> Blue Princess/ Prince has dense, lustrous, blue-green, spiny leaves from purple stems and tiny, white flowers are produced in spring. Plant it in full or partial sun in moist, well-drained soil.</p>			
English Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>		
<p>A familiar shrub, creating a dense thorny barrier, with leaves that are shiny dark green on top and lighter green underneath. Tiny white flowers in May/June and bright red (poisonous) berries from September. Thrives in most well drained soils including clay. It is happy in either sun or shade but dislikes heat and drought.</p>			
Oleaster	<i>Elaeagnus ebbingei</i>		
<p>A robust plant with tough silvery grey leaves that are frost, wind and salt resistant. Fragrant flowers in the autumn and orange fruits in the spring. Excellent for dense evergreen screen anywhere but has particular value in coastal areas.</p>			
Broadleaf	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>		
<p>Attractive light apple-green leaves which is excellent for coastal locations as it is tolerant of salt laden winds. Prefers acidic to slightly alkaline soil in either full sun or part shade. Can be sensitive to heavy frost, so plant in a sheltered place. Damaged shoots can be pruned out and will regrow.</p>			
Cherry Laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>		
<p>Also known as Common Laurel, it makes a bright, dense hedge with shiny green leaves that are thick and leathery. It will thrive in most soils, including clay, but it dislikes chalk; happy in sun or shade.</p>			
Osmanthus	<i>Osmanthus burkwoodii</i>		
<p>A dense, slow-growing, evergreen with glossy, dark green leaves beautifully offset by highly scented, jasmine like, white flowers in mid and late spring. It thrives on free draining soils, best grown in a sunny aspect with protection against biting winter winds.</p>			
Portuguese Laurel	<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>		
<p>Attractive and compact, its leaves are ovate and dark green. Likes most soils including clay and chalk; sun or shade, but it dislikes wet ground.</p>			
Red Robin	<i>Photinia fraseri</i>		
<p>A striking hedge with red new shoots that turn to shiny dark green with age. Thrives in all well-drained soils including chalk. Position in sun or light shade and avoid frost pockets as Photinia is sensitive to frost.</p>			

Privet	<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>		
<p>A vigorous shrub with shiny semi-evergreen leaves that are oval, pointed and somewhat leathery, mid-green and yellow-green underneath. Likes any well-drained soil including chalk, needs sun or part shade. It is tolerant of Coastal Conditions but not frost.</p>			
White Cedar	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> Brabant		
<p>The leaves are an attractive light green that can take on a subtle bronze colour in the winter months. This mature evergreen screen grows well in most conditions but prefers moist, nutrient-full soil.</p>			
Yew	<i>Taxus baccata</i>		
<p>A long lived native conifer that makes an excellent formal hedge. The leaves are shiny dark green needles that are pale green underneath. Happy in all but the most acidic of soils, and in sun or partially shade but will tolerate full shade.</p>			

If you would like to find out more about our comprehensive range of evergreen and deciduous **Practical Instant Hedges**, you can:

- **Book a visit** to our nursery in Iver, Buckinghamshire to view our hedges and trees
- **Call** 01753 652022 to speak to our horticultural team
- **Email** hedge@pracbrown.co.uk with your requirements (such as hedge length and size, species, and your location) and we can provide you with a quote within a few days.

Did you Know – We offer our Instant Hedge as both supply only, or supply and plant as well.