

A hedge can be any row of shrubs or trees used as a “living fence” to define a boundary, separate areas, protect from wind or sun or merely for privacy. A densely planted hedge can even act as a barrier against humans, dogs, and other larger animals. The plants listed below are all evergreen or semi-evergreen.

Keep in mind your privacy hedge doesn't need to be one wall of the same plant. It can be a mixture of many textures and shapes. Deciduous plants are also a great choice if you want light in winter and privacy in summer. Try mixing evergreens, deciduous trees and shrubs, fruit trees and flowers for a cottage garden look.

### SHORT 12-30 inches tall

***Andromeda polifolia*, Bog Rosemary** (12-18 inches tall)

Part to full sun. White to pink flowers, narrow leathery. Tolerates poor drainage.

***Azalea*** (size dependent on variety)

Sun exposure, height and flower color vary with variety.

***Berberis x stenophylla 'Corallina Compacta'*, Coral Barberry** (18 inches tall)

Full to part sun. Bright orange flowers and black fruit. Narrow needlelike foliage.

***Buxus sempervirens 'Suffuticosa'*, True Dwarf Boxwood** (5 feet tall, un-pruned)

Sun to shade. Small leaves and dense texture; classic hedge plant.

***Vaccinium*, Blueberries** (2-8 feet tall)

Full to part sun. Best fruit production in full sun. Some varieties are semi to full evergreen.

### MEDIUM 3-6 feet tall

***Abelia x grandiflora*, Glossy Abelia** (2-8 feet tall)

Full to part sun. Semi-evergreen foliage. Bronze new growth and White to pink flowers.

***Aucuba japonica 'Rozannie'*** (3 feet tall)

Part to full shade. Glossy dark foliage; red berries.

***Berberis darwinii*, Darwin Barberry** (5-8 feet tall)

Full to part sun. Bright orange flowers followed by black fruit. Dark green holly like leaves.

***Buxus sempervirens*, English Boxwood** (15 feet tall, un-pruned)

Sun to shade. Small leaves and dense texture; classic hedge plant.

***Choisya ternata 'Sundance'*, Gold Leaf Mexican Orange** (3-6 feet tall)

Sun to part shade. Glossy chartreuse to golden new foliage, very fragrant white flowers.

***Distylium 'Vintage Jade'*** (2-3 feet tall)

Sun to part shade. Glossy dark foliage, small red flowers in winter. Mounding form.

***Escallonia 'Newport Dwarf'* (3-4 feet tall)**

Sun to part shade. Glossy dark foliage, clusters of pink flowers.

***Euonymus fortunei* (4-5 feet tall)**

Sun to shade. Deep green leaves edged in white or gold depending on variety.

***Ilex glabra 'Shamrock', Inkberry* (3-6 feet tall)**

Sun to part shade. Thick dark green leaves and black berries; brighter new foliage.

***Kalmia, Mountain Laurel* (3-8 feet tall, depending on variety)**

Part shade. Glossy oval foliage. Showy pink, white, or red flowers are often pinwheel-marked.

***Mahonia aquifolium, Oregon Grape* (6 feet tall; shorter in full sun)**

Sun to shade. Glossy holly-like foliage. Spikes of yellow flowers followed by blue berries.

***Nandina domestica, Heavenly Bamboo* (2-8 feet tall, depending on variety)**

Sun to shade. Makes a light airy-looking screen or hedge.

***Osmanthus species* (4-10 feet, depending on variety)**

Sun to part shade. Glossy foliage, very fragrant flowers.

***Pieris japonica, Lily of the Valley Shrub* (3 feet tall)**

Part shade. Bronze to red new growth in spring. Showy sprays of white, pink, or red flowers.

***Pinus mugo, Mugo Pine* (3-5 feet tall)**

Full sun, well-drained soil. Slow growing.

***Raphiolepis 'Southern Moon', Southern Moon Yedda Hawthorn* ( 5-6 feet tall)**

Sun to part shade. Glossy dark foliage, profusion of white flowers in spring.

***Rhododendron* (4-6 feet tall, depending on variety)**

Sun exposure, height and flower color varies with variety.

***Sarcococca, Sweet Box* (Slow growing to 4-6 feet tall)**

Partial shade to full shade. Glossy dark foliage; very fragrant white flowers in winter.

***Skimmia japonica* ( Slow growing to 5 feet tall)**

Partial shade. Glossy oval foliage. Clusters of red/pink buds open to small white flowers.

***Taxus cuspidata 'Monloo', Emerald Spreader Japanese Yew* (3 feet tall)**

Sun to part shade. Flat green needles. Very low-growing form.

***Vaccinium ovatum, Evergreen Huckleberry* (3-10 feet tall; shorter in full sun)**

Sun to shade. Glossy dark foliage; small bell-shaped white to pink flowers and black berries.

***Viburnum davidii, David Viburnum* (3-4 feet tall)**

Partial shade. Glossy dark green, deeply veined foliage. Clusters of metallic blue berries in fall.

**TALL: 6 feet tall and up**

***Arbutus unedo*, Strawberry Tree** (8-35 feet tall, depending on variety)

Full sun. White flowers, red “strawberry-like” fruit; both on tree, nearly year-round.

***Aucuba japonica*** (6-10 feet tall)

Part to full shade. Glossy dark foliage; most varieties offered are variegated.

***Bamboo*** (8-30 feet tall, depending on variety)

Running bamboos need a barrier for containment; clumping/fountain bamboos will not.

***Camellia*** (3-12 feet tall)

Part shade, rich soil. Height, flower time, and flower colors vary with variety.

***Cephalotaxus harringtonia* ‘Fastigiata’, Columnar Japanese Plum Yew** (To 8-10 feet tall)

Full sun to part shade. Glossy dark needles.

***Choisya ternata*, Mexican Orange** (6-8 feet tall)

Sun to part shade. Glossy rich green foliage, very fragrant white flowers.

***Cotoneaster lacteus*, Parney’s Cotoneaster** (8-10 feet tall)

Full to part sun. Leathery foliage. Clusters of white flowers. Red berries hold well in winter.

***Distylium* ‘Linebacker’** (8-10 feet tall)

Sun to part shade. Glossy foliage, small red flowers in winter.

***Escallonia*** ( 5-15 feet tall, depending on variety)

Part to full sun. Glossy dark foliage, clusters of white or pink flowers.

***Ilex crenata*, Japanese Holly** (6-12 feet tall)

Sun to part shade. Foliage and form similar to boxwood but it tolerates colder winters.

***Ligustrum japonicum*, Wax-Leaf Privet** (5-12 feet tall)

Sun to part shade. Glossy oval foliage is dark green above, whitish underneath.

***Myrica californica*, California Wax Myrtle** (10-15 feet tall)

Full sun. Dense foliage is dark green above, pale underneath, pleasantly aromatic.

***Photinia x fraseri*** (10-15 feet tall)

Full sun. Glossy oval foliage; bronze-red new growth.

***Prunus laurocerasus*, English Laurel** (10-30 feet tall)

***Prunus lusitanica*, Portuguese Laurel** (10-30 feet tall)

Full to part sun. Glossy dark green leaves, spikes of small but sweetly scented white flowers.

***Viburnum tinus*, Laurustinus** (3-12 feet tall)

Sun to part shade. Glossy dark foliage. White flowers in spring followed by blue berries.

***Chamaecyparis obtusa*, Hinoki Cypress** (6-30 feet tall)

Sun to filtered shade. Lacy foliage and nice structure. Golden and variegated forms available.

***Cupresso-cyparis leylandii*, Leyland Cypress** (20-70 feet tall and wide)

Full sun. Gray-green or gold foliage. Fastest growing plant for privacy.

***Cupressus sempervirens*, Italian Cypress** (8-60 feet tall)

Full sun. Dark green foliage; cultivars can be bluish, golden, or bright green.

***Taxus species*, Yew** (6-50 feet tall)

Sun to nearly full shade. Flat green needles and berrylike seeds (cones) on female plants.

***Thuja species*, Arborvitae, Western Red Cedar** (10-15 feet tall)

Full to part sun. Flat, scale like foliage of bright yellow green to dark lustrous green.

***Tsuga canadensis*, Canadian Hemlock** (6-40 feet tall, depending on variety)

Sun to partial shade. Dark green foliage; many varieties have striking new growth.