



Yew

Taxus baccata

An Elveden speciality, this robust, highly versatile, slow-growing evergreen, boasts excellent wind, shade and drought resistance.

Description

A 'classic country house' hedge, the Yew, which oozes decadence when formally maintained, is a long-living native conifer providing year-round interest and screening.

Appearance

Flat, dark green, needle-like glossy leaves which grow in two rows upon stems are joined in spring by bright green, fresh new growth. In summer, clusters of insignificant yellow scaly flowers appear, which if pollinated turn into vibrant, fleshy red berries during autumn.

Placement

Yew tolerates drier conditions and excels in most well-drained soils, except those that are highly acidic or prone to waterlogging. Suitable for exposed sites (not coastal) whether in full sun or deep shade.

Uses

This 'King of hedges' clips beautifully into classic lines and spectacular topiary features, providing aesthetic value to formal settings. Its dense habit makes for an excellent privacy screen and barrier against noise, wind and dust pollution.



Hugely popular with wildlife, Taxus baccata hedges offer both food and shelter for a variety of birds and insects.



Case Study

"I can't recommend the team at Elveden highly enough. They are very professional, happy to help, even to the tightest timescales, under pressure and always with a smile. The product has always been 100% quality, which is needed for our projects and Elveden understand that perfection is absolutely vital for us and always deliver."

Lansdowne Restoration



SOIL

Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT

Full sun
Partial shade
Shade



GROWTH

Slow
15-20cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING

Trim when
required



USES

Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Pollution barrier



SUITABILITY

Not suitable
for livestock
or horses
Deer resistant