

ELVEDEN INSTANT HEDGE

A unique fully formed hedge, grown in the UK and sold by the linear metre



*For Architects, Contractors,
Garden Designers, Landscapers & Specifiers*



Edition 3



Elveden Estate

Suffolk, England

This 22,500 acre estate is the largest ring-fenced arable farm in lowland Britain and is renowned for its quality hedging, produce and wildlife conservation practices.

Maharajah Duleep Singh

Maharajah Duleep Singh, exiled to England in 1849, purchased Elveden Estate in 1863. A keen sportsman, who hosted a range of sporting activities, attracting queens, princes and dukes.

After his death in 1893, the Elveden Estate was sold to Edward Cecil Guinness.

The Guinness Family

Edward Cecil Guinness was an Irish philanthropist and businessman who in 1919 was created Earl of Iveagh and Viscount of Elveden. At this time, the farmland on the estate was approximately 7,000 acres. A large percentage of which provided feed or cover for the game.

It was then Rupert Guinness, 2nd Earl of Iveagh, who transformed the lands for agricultural use in 1927.



Elveden Estate has continued to thrive, whilst always at the forefront of farming and agricultural practices. As industry leaders, they are proud to be world class producers of local and regional food, whilst maintaining an outstanding reputation for wildlife conservation.

Elveden Nurseries

During the mid 1970's, a small Christmas tree retail outlet was developed in Elveden Village. By 1991 there were in excess of 40,000 trees being sold annually and 1000 trees being sold to the wholesale trade market. The two primary species grown at that time were the Norway spruce and Scots pine.

Elveden also supplies civic display trees nationwide for towns and city centres with trees up to 20 metres. Many notable venues have had an Elveden Christmas Tree as its centre piece including Sandringham House, St Paul's Cathedral and more locally, Ely Cathedral.

Our Instant Hedge product was also developed in our nurseries during the 1990's. We are proud to be able to offer our customers this unique UK grown product.



Elveden Instant Hedge

Established 1998

Grown in the UK and sold by the linear metre with instant impact appeal, the robust and highly regarded Elveden hedging is the perfect natural alternative to fencing and walls.

Grown on the Elveden Estate here in Suffolk, the Elveden Instant Hedge is a fully knitted, mature hedging product with a difference.

Unlike other hedging, the Elveden Instant Hedge has a uniquely developed root system allowing hedges to be lifted, transported and transplanted at any time of the year, without the risk of root shock.

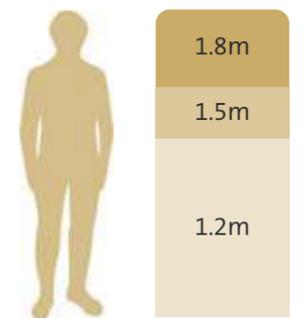
The Elveden Instant Hedge has proven to be one of the most reliable hedges available and as such, remains a firm favourite across the industry for use in both domestic and commercial situations.

Our range consists of seventeen single species and one mixed, each of which differ in benefits, seasonal interest and suitability for site or application. All Elveden hedges provide a habitat-rich environment for wildlife.

The Elveden Instant Hedge is maintained to a width of approx 50cm and is available in heights ranging from 1.2 to 1.8 metres depending on variety.

The Elveden Instant Hedge offers an immediate solution for:

- Ornamental landscaping
- Defining boundaries
- Shelterbelts
- Dust and noise pollution





Choosing the right hedge

17 varieties

Functionality is key when making your choice, however environment, soil type, drainage and plant requirements are also important factors.



Consider the function of your hedge as this will help determine the type of hedge you require. For example, a security hedge should be dense, possibly with thorns, whilst an ornamental hedge will serve best when rich with seasonal colour.

Each hedging variety will thrive if given its desired environment. Our comprehensive range offers solutions for dry, wet, exposed, coastal and sheltered sites, even those prone to pollution; plus safe options for the containment of horses and livestock.



Most deciduous hedges lose their leaves in autumn, reducing their effectiveness for privacy and their ability to screen wind and pollution. Evergreen hedges, with their year-round foliage might be better suited.

A description outlining each hedging variety, its recommended situation, uses and suitability, are set out in the pages that follow. Hedges can easily be compared using the quick-guide icon bar at the foot of each page.

					
SOIL	SUNLIGHT	GROWTH	PRUNING	USES	SUITABILITY
Well-drained Chalk, Clay, Sand, Loam	Full sun Partial shade	Slow growing 10–25cm/yr approximately	When dormant or late spring after flowering	Formal hedging Security barrier Prevents erosion	Not suitable for livestock Deer resistant

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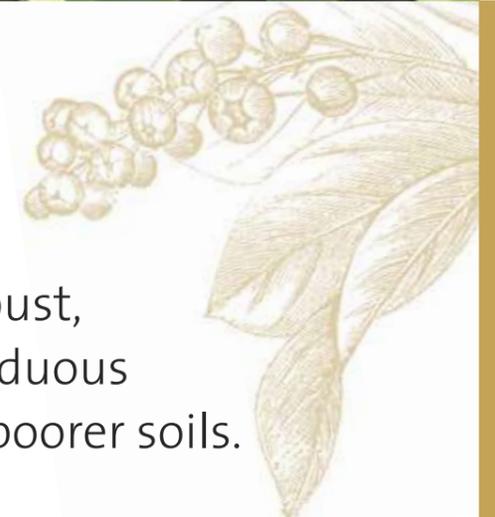




Berberis

Berberis thunbergii

A natural intruder deterrent, this robust, easy to maintain, slow-growing deciduous is ideal for exposed sites, tolerating poorer soils.



Autumnal fruits provide a welcome source of food for wildlife whilst its thorny branches offer nesting birds and mammals protection from predators.



Description

Elegant, compact and hardy to -20°C, the Japanese Barberry or Berberis offers a stunning array of seasonal interest, ideal for those seeking a low-level hedge with ornamental value.

Placement

Berberis grows well in virtually any well-drained soil and is tough enough to withstand both exposed inland and coastal sites, whether in full sun or partial shade.

Appearance

Smooth, 2–3cm obovate dark green leaves borne from thorny stems, are joined in spring by scented, nectar-rich yellow cupped flowers. In early autumn beautiful glossy scarlet-red berries appear, matched by a dazzling display of foliage, turning orange, red and purple before dropping in winter.

Uses

In addition to making a highly attractive formal hedge, worthy of most planting schemes, Berberis' vicious thorns ward off humans and animals alike, making it a functional security hedge also. With that in mind it is advised that protective gloves are used when pruning.



The abundance of spring flowers, rich in nectar and pollen, attract bees and other pollinating insects.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Slow growing
10–25cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
When dormant
or late spring
after flowering



USES
Formal hedging
Security barrier
Prevents erosion



SUITABILITY
Not suitable for
livestock
Deer resistant





Green Beech

Fagus sylvatica

A classic low-maintenance native, compact in habit and shade tolerant, providing year-round interest and privacy.



Case Study

“We regularly use Elveden Instant Hedges, often specifying Fagus sylvatica as part of our projects. Its consistent quality and form mean we can offer instant impact and structure to our projects enabling us to achieve the high standards we aim to deliver. Elveden provide a reliable source which allows us to install and promote this English classic into projects across the country.”

James Gadd – Gadd Brothers Trees and Landscapes



SOIL
Well-drained
Avoid heavy
or wet soils



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Fast growing
30–60cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
Once a year
in August



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Security barrier



SUITABILITY
Containment
of livestock
and horses
Deer resistant

Description

Marvelled for its beauty by gardening enthusiasts, the Green Beech, whilst deciduous, clings to its leaves during winter until the new growth pushes through in the spring.

Appearance

In spring, low-branching stems bear lustrous, lightly veined 4–9cm lime-green leaves, wavy edged and fringed with silky hairs. Maturing foliage darkens and becomes more leathery, changing to a glorious buttery-yellow in autumn and rich russet in winter when the hedge is dormant.

Placement

Green Beech excels in a moist but well-drained soil, so heavy clays or those prone to waterlogging are best avoided. Suitable for exposed sites, tolerating full sun or partial shade.

Uses

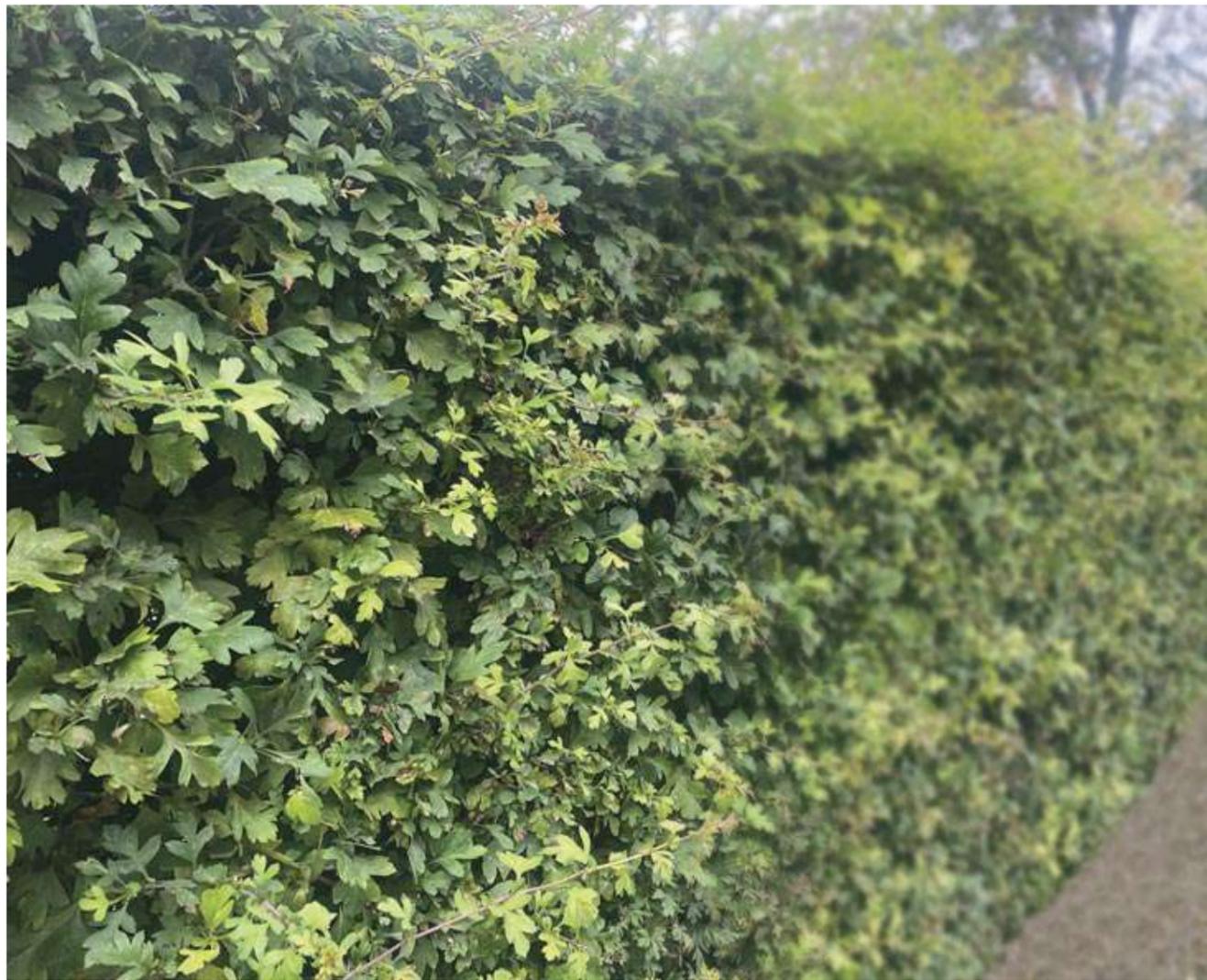
Ideal as a formal hedge, its lush, light reflecting foliage provides the perfect contrast to many planting schemes. Clipping in late summer will aid leaf retention in winter, enhancing its value as a barrier to pollution and wind with the addition of providing a decorative privacy screen.



A popular hedge for nesting birds as well as insects, small mammals and other species. Beech hedges are particularly valuable due to their protective cover of old leaves during the winter.

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Hawthorn

Crataegus monogyna

A versatile, fast-growing native deciduous, with an impenetrable dense, thorny nature, ideal for wetter soils and exposed sites.



A Clydesdale horse nibbles the fresh new growth shoots from a Hawthorn.



Description

Rich with seasonal interest and wildlife value, the Hawthorn, with its thorny dense nature and rustic charm, possesses all the qualities of a fine undemanding hedge.

Placement

Hawthorn thrives in any well-drained soil and withstands both exposed inland and coastal sites whether in full sun or partial shade.

Appearance

Its distinctive heavily lobed 3–5cm glossy, dark green leaves are joined in spring by sprays of almond-scented, nectar-rich creamy-white blossom. Clusters of bright red fruits known as ‘haws’ follow in autumn which often remain on the branches long after the leaves have fallen.

Uses

Historically linked to farming, this prevalent countryside hedge boasts multiple applications. Traditionally used for securing farmsteads from unwanted visitors and for livestock containment, the Hawthorn also serves well as a windbreak or privacy screen in addition to providing a rich source of food for foragers.



The Hawthorn provides a habitat-rich environment for wildlife, supporting over 300 varieties of insects alone. Autumnal fruits provide an invaluable source of food for migrating birds. The dense, thorny branches offer nesting birds and small mammals protection from predators.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Fast
30–40cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
Every other year
for the best
display of
flowers/haws



USES
Privacy
screening
Security barrier
Cooking
Medicinal



SUITABILITY
Containment
of livestock
and horses
Deer resistant





Hornbeam

Carpinus betulus

A dense, fast-growing, native deciduous, boasting dramatic architectural foliage, tolerant of boggy, exposed sites and shade.



Case Study

“We were looking for an established hedge circa 1.8m high to give some privacy to the new houses we have constructed on a multi-tiered development. Elveden did not disappoint, the Hornbeam hedge is everything we had hoped for – from initial enquiry to delivery and planting.”

Paul Smith – Cre8 Building Solutions LTD



Striking architectural foliage for a contemporary setting.

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SOIL
 Well-drained
 Chalk, Clay,
 Sand, Loam
- 
SUNLIGHT
 Full sun
 Partial shade
 Shade
- 
GROWTH
 Fast
 30–60cm/yr
 approximately
- 
PRUNING
 September
 after growth
- 
USES
 Privacy screening
 Pollution barrier
 Windbreak
- 
SUITABILITY
 Containment
 of livestock
 and horses

Description

A true ‘country house classic’, the Hornbeam offers a great solution to those seeking an attractive formal hedge in more demanding situations.

Appearance

Deeply furrowed and heavily toothed 7–12cm bright green, ovate leaves are joined in spring by clusters of large, greenish-yellow catkins. These develop into papery green winged nuts that ripen to brown. Stunning yellowy-orange autumnal foliage, later turning a coppery-grey, often clings to its branches well into winter.

Placement

Hornbeam excels in moist, heavy soils but will grow in virtually any, provided its roots aren’t waterlogged. Suitable for exposed inland and coastal sites, although frost pockets are to be avoided. It performs equally well in full sun or shade.

Uses

Hornbeam, like Beech, benefits from a quick trim in late summer to aid leaf retention in winter which enhances its value as a barrier against wind, noise and pollution with the addition of providing privacy screening.



Hornbeam provides a habitat-rich environment not only for birds but also for the larvae of a number of moth species.





Native Mix

Acer campestre, Crataegus monogyna, Cornus sanguinea, Corylus colurna, Prunus avium, Prunus spinosa, Rhamnus cathartica, Viburnum opulus

A native deciduous mix with season-long appeal.



Case Study

“We came to Elveden as we had a really tight turnaround requirement for a Native Mix hedge for RHS Chelsea 2023. They pulled out all the stops to get us exactly what we required – exactly when we required it – including the complexities of delivering to Chelsea during the last few days of build week.”

Heather Goddard – Buying Manager, Ground Control

“Their communication is always second to none, their product knowledge along with their installation advice and support is fantastic.”

					
SOIL Well-drained Chalk, Clay, Loam	SUNLIGHT Full sun Partial shade	GROWTH Moderate 20–40cm/yr approximately	PRUNING July	USES Privacy screening Security barrier Pollution barrier Windbreak Foraging	SUITABILITY Containment of livestock and horses

Description

The sheer diversity of this native mix both in its array of seasonal interest and the wildlife it supports, make this undemanding hedge worthy of inclusion in most planting schemes.

Appearance

The 8 species have been specifically selected to provide a hedge mix with real appeal. From nectar-rich spring blossom to a wide variety of leaf colour change as summer moves into autumn – with blue, black and red berries abundant, providing a winter-long food source for wildlife.

Placement

This native mix grows well in virtually any well-drained soil and is tough enough to withstand both exposed inland and coastal sites in full sun or partial shade.

Uses

Whether clipped to a formal shape or left wild for a more rustic feel, it can significantly help to reduce both dust and noise pollution. Its vicious thorns serve well to those seeking a security barrier, while its density acts as an ideal windbreak and privacy screen.



‘A hedge for all seasons’ offering a wealth of interest for foragers and immense value to wildlife.

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Purple Beech

Fagus sylvatica 'Purpurea'

A dense, moderate-growing, native deciduous, boasting a dramatic, low branching broad leaf, offering year-round privacy and interest.



Description

Elegant, hardy and undemanding, the Purple Beech with its majestic foliage is ideal for those seeking a formal hedge with ornamental value.

Appearance

In spring, shiny 4–9cm greenish-purple leaves emerge, wavy-edged and fringed with silky brown hairs. The leaves mature to deep purple. Tassel-like catkins and reddish brown beech nuts, housed in woody cups, follow. In autumn, foliage softens to coppery brown, remaining on the branches well into winter.

Placement

Purple Beech, excels in a moist but well-drained soil, so heavy clays or those prone to waterlogging are best avoided. Suitable for exposed sites, tolerating full sun or partial shade.

Uses

Ideal for garden and landscaping projects, its rich colour provides a contrast to other planting schemes. Clipping in late summer will aid leaf retention in winter, enhancing its value as a barrier to pollution and wind with the addition of providing a decorative privacy screen.



Beech leaves are the food choice of a number of caterpillars. Both the leaves and timber are high in potash and help to enrich the soil.



SOIL
Well-drained
Avoid heavy
or wet soils



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Moderate
20–40cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
Late summer



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Security barrier



SUITABILITY
Containment
of horses



Species Comparison & Usage Guide



	 SOIL	 SUNLIGHT	 GROWTH	 PRUNING	 USES	 SUITABILITY
Deciduous	Well-drained Wet soils Poor Soils	Full Sun Partial Shade Shade	Slow Moderate Fast	Spring Summer When Required	Formal Hedging Privacy Screening Security Barrier	Horses Livestock More Deer Resistant
Berberis	•	• •	•	•	• • •	•
Green Beech	•	• •	•	•	• • •	• • •
Hawthorn	•	• •	•	•	• • •	• • •
Hornbeam	• •	• • •	•	•	• • •	• •
Native Mix	•	• •	•	•	• • •	• •
Purple Beech	•	• •	•	•	• • •	•



	 SOIL	 SUNLIGHT	 GROWTH	 PRUNING	 USES	 SUITABILITY
Evergreen	Well-drained Wet soils Poor Soils	Full Sun Partial Shade Shade	Slow Moderate Fast	Spring Summer When Required	Formal Hedging Privacy Screening Security Barrier	Horses Livestock More Deer Resistant
Cherry Laurel	• •	• • •	•	• •	• • •	•
Dutch Holly	•	• • •	•	• •	• • •	•
Eastern White Cedar	•	• •	•	•	• • •	•
Evergreen Spindle	•	• •	•	•	• • •	
Holly	•	• • •	•	•	• • •	• •
Holm Oak	•	• •	•	•	• • •	
Japanese Holly	•	• •	•	•	• • •	• •
Oval Leaf Privet	•	• • •	•	• •	• • •	
Photinia 'Red Robin'	•	• •	•	•	• • •	
Portuguese Laurel	•	• • •	•	•	• • •	•
Wild Privet	•	• •	•	•	• • •	•
Yew	•	• • •	•	•	• • •	•



Cherry Laurel

Prunus laurocerasus 'Rotundifolia'

A versatile, fast-growing, hardy evergreen, boasting excellent year-round screening, tolerant of very dry sites and pollution.



300m of hedging for the redevelopment and re-launch of The Guinness Arms (Icklingham, Suffolk.)

Case Study

"We worked closely with Elveden on a recent redevelopment. The team at Elveden gave us invaluable advice and assistance, and suggested early on that we look at them for contract growing our requirement – which gave us our exact specification of hedge exactly when we required it on site – and this did not cost us any extra. The whole process was seamless – we just wish all the suppliers had been as accommodating and helpful!"

Project Manager, Guinness Arms

Description

The Cherry Laurel or Common Laurel remains a highly popular go-to hedge and not without reason. Its incredible density, robust nature and lush foliage makes for a highly functional barrier hedge or decorative screen.

Appearance

Glossy, bright green, 10–15cm ovate leaves with a slightly serrated edge are joined in spring by an abundance of sweetly fragrant, nectar-rich, white flowers on long, erect racemes. These are followed by small red fruits, later turning black in the autumn.

Placement

Cherry Laurel will thrive in all but waterlogged or chalky soils. Hardy to -15°C, it's suitable for exposed sites in full sun or the deepest shade.

Uses

Equally attractive whether trimmed into a formal box-shape or left more natural, it provides a wonderful aesthetic feature to any planting scheme. Quite often seen planted by roadsides, its impenetrable nature offers the perfect protection against environmental pollution in addition to making a fabulous privacy screen.



The Cherry Laurel is highly attractive to bees, butterflies and birds with its rich source of nectar, pollen and berries.



SOIL
Well-drained
Clay, Sand,
Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade
Shade



GROWTH
Fast
30–60cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
March or
September



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Pollution barrier



SUITABILITY
Not suitable
for livestock
or horses
Deer resistant

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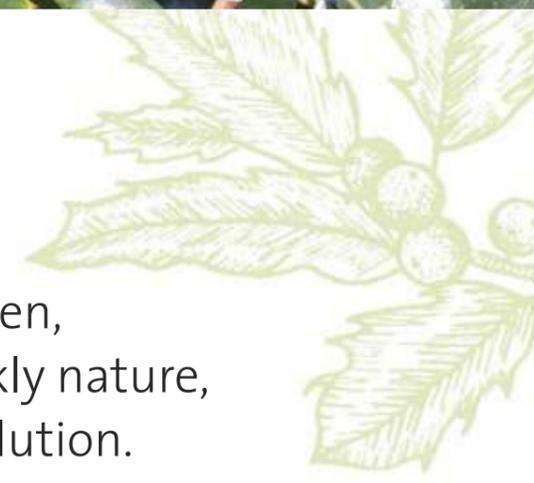




Dutch Holly

Ilex aquifolium Limsi

A versatile, slow-growing, evergreen, with an impenetrable dense, prickly nature, tolerant of drought, wind and pollution.



An abundance of bright red berries cover the hedge in late autumn if left untrimmed.



Description

Strong growing, low-maintenance and fully hardy, this dense and prickly ornamental hedge offers a wealth of seasonal interest and function – a great hedging solution where security is paramount.

Placement

Dutch Holly thrives in a well-drained soil in a sunny position, although it will tolerate shade and some drought. Tough enough to withstand exposed spaces, coastal sprays and pollution – ideal for demanding sites.



A dense habit, nectar-rich spring flowers and autumn berries provide the perfect environment for wildlife.

Appearance

Beautifully glossy, dark green broad leaves 5–10cm long with irregular spines which are less prickly than native holly. These are joined during summer by small white flowers. In autumn, an abundance of spherical red berries appear if a male plant is nearby, providing a feast for visiting wildlife.

Uses

A great addition to both a relaxed or formal setting where it can be clipped for a more formal feel or topiarised for additional interest. A fabulous security hedge, privacy screen and pollution barrier. Prune back hard in Summer if reshaping is required.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade
Shade



GROWTH
Slow
10–15cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
April
July



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Pollution barrier
Security barrier



SUITABILITY
Containment
of livestock





Eastern White Cedar

Thuja occidentalis Yellow Ribbon

A vibrant, slow-growing, hardy evergreen, providing excellent year-round screening, tolerant of full sun and pollution.



Male and female flowers are found in separate cones that are so small, they frequently go unnoticed.

Description

A superb statement hedge, requiring little to no maintenance. Favoured for its vibrant aromatic foliage, hardy dense nature and resistance to pests and diseases. Highly effective and equally dramatic whether left natural or clipped for a more formal setting.

Placement

Ideal for moist, well drained soils, preferring full sun or partial shade. Capable of surviving the coldest of prolonged winters but it is intolerant to drought and dry winds. Hardy enough to withstand exposed spaces, coastal sprays and pollution

Appearance

An eye-catching golden yellow leaf bright and zesty during spring and summer, softens to a slight bronze autumn onwards. The flat sprays of leaves with their scale-like texture and small cones provide an almost 'pineapple' or citrus scent to the hedge and surrounding area.

Uses

Eastern White Cedar is the perfect choice for privacy screening in hard to reach areas. Capable of withstanding pollution, this is ideal for a front garden or close to areas of heavy vehicle traffic where screening is also required.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Medium
20-40cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
Early spring
before new
growth



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Pollution barrier



SUITABILITY
Not suitable
for livestock
or horses
Deer resistant





Evergreen Spindle

Euonymus japonicus

A highly resilient, low-maintenance, dense evergreen that provides excellent screening for exposed sites or coastal regions.



One of the best salt resistant shrubs for hedging and topiary by the coast.



Description

An incredibly hardy and resilient offering with an ability to thrive in almost any soil – incredibly versatile due to being fully frost hardy and its resistance to pests and diseases.

Placement

Evergreen Spindle thrives in full sun but can also withstand partial shade – where the strikingly dark foliage will not lose its appearance due to lack of light. Wind and salt spray tolerant – ideal for coastal areas.

Appearance

A busy and dense foliage of dark oval glossy green leaves 3–7cm long with a finely serrated margin. The nectar-rich flowers are small and green in colour, with orange and pink fruits – which are rarely produced.

Uses

Suitable for a wide variety of applications from providing privacy screening to a pollution barrier. Can be clipped for a more formal scheme or left natural for an informal look in cottage gardens, and gravel beds. Ideal for creating a low level edge to borders and paths.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Medium
20–40cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
Late winter
Early spring



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Pollution barrier
Wind break



SUITABILITY
Not suitable
for livestock
or horses

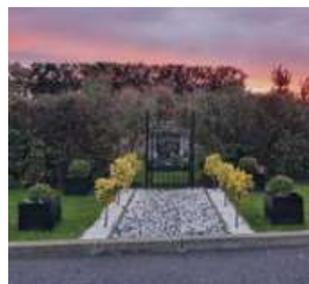




Holly

Ilex aquifolium

A versatile, slow-growing native evergreen, with an impenetrable dense, prickly nature, tolerant of drought, wind and pollution.



Holly installation at Kemnal Park Cemetery & Ceremonial Park.

Case Study

“We use Elveden for all our hedges as we can guarantee the high-quality products our clients demand and expect time after time. There is always a great choice of specimens and fantastic delivery times – nothing is too much trouble for the team at Elveden.”

Martin Golding – GreenAcres, Kemnal Park

Description

Dense, robust and undemanding, the holly offers an excellent solution to securing more problematic sites, whilst providing ornamental value.

Appearance

Glossy, dark green undulated leaves with unusually deep, spiny edges provide contrast to the clusters of small white, nectar-rich flowers that appear in late spring. The bright red berries which follow in autumn are a welcome sight, often remaining on the branches well into winter.

Placement

Holly excels in any well-drained soil and is tough enough to withstand both exposed inland and coastal sites in full sun or very deep shade.

Uses

In addition to making a highly attractive formal hedge worthy of most planting schemes, the holly's prickly foliage will ward off humans and animals alike, making it a highly functional security hedge also. It is advised that protective gloves are used when pruning.



Holly provides a wildlife-rich habitat for bees, pollinating insects and birds – the dense, foliage provides shelter and protection from predators.

					
SOIL Well-drained Chalk, Clay, Sand, Loam	SUNLIGHT Full sun Partial shade Shade	GROWTH Slow 10–15cm/yr approximately	PRUNING Late winter or early spring	USES Privacy screening Security barrier Pollution barrier Windbreak	SUITABILITY Containment of livestock Deer resistant

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Holm Oak provides an ideal backdrop and privacy screen in an urban setting.

Case Study

"This was an unusual project as you can see – it required a hedge for privacy, but also something that would complement the tiered planting and remain low maintenance due to access issues. We were very pleased with the service and the prompt and efficient delivery from Elveden. This was not the first time we have used Elveden Hedges, we have also used them at another property for a hornbeam hedge and the quality of the hedge has surpassed any other we have had before."

Nikki Andrews – Retail Customer



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Moderate
20–30cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
August



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Pollution barrier
Windbreak



SUITABILITY
Not suitable
for livestock
or horses



Holm Oak

Quercus ilex

A dense, easy to maintain evergreen, boasting magnificent season-long interest, tolerant of salt spray, strong winds and drought.

Description

The Holm Oak takes its name from Holm – an ancient name for holly – due to the shape of its leaves. Ideal for providing year-round interest, especially in the winter months. It supports plenty of wildlife with its dense foliage creating an ideal shelter for birds.

Appearance

Glossy, dark green, ovate leaves, are contrasted in spring by silvery new growth, which becomes darker green and leathery as the foliage matures. A stunning display of golden catkins adorn the hedge in early summer, followed by green acorns that turn brown in autumn before falling.

Placement

Mediterranean in origin, the Holm Oak thrives in sunnier situations and any soil, provided it is well-drained. Suitable for exposed and coastal sites, although inland frost pockets are best avoided.

Uses

A stunning addition to traditional and contemporary planting schemes, clipped into formal lines or topiary. The robust nature and dense habit provides excellent privacy screening and a barrier against pollution. The wood can also be used for smoking foods – slow burning with an even glow, it adds a fine, nutty aroma, ideal for barbeques.



The Holm Oak, with its dense habit, provides birds and small mammals protection from predators. The acorns are a particular favourite of the Jay.





Japanese Holly

Ilex crenata

A dense, slow-growing evergreen, providing year-round colour and structure to formal schemes on drier exposed sites.



Easy to maintain whether clipped once or twice per year, but two clips a year will provide a very tight, dense and more formal appearance.



Description

A fantastic, hardier alternative to Box or Buxus hedging but with a similar appearance. Japanese Holly benefits from being more resistant to pests and diseases and is less prone to leaf scorch when pruned. Capable of regenerating from old wood – perfect for re shaping if neglected over time.

Placement

Japanese Holly performs best in a moist, well-drained, slightly acidic soil, in full sun or partial shade. Avoid areas with heavy shade or those prone to waterlogging. Suitable for coastal areas due to its wind and salt tolerance.



An abundance of autumn fruits which last well into winter, brings extra seasonal interest and entices a range of birds to your garden.

Appearance

Dense and compact with alternate small glossy 1–3cm, dark green, wavy margined leaves are accompanied by a smattering of white flowers in spring and very small black berries in autumn.

Uses

An aesthetically pleasing hedge – ideal for formal planting schemes, either used low-level to edge borders and paths or for showcasing brighter plants. Its density provides excellent privacy screening and barrier against noise, dust and wind pollution.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full Sun
Partial Shade



GROWTH
Slow
10–20cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
Late winter
Early spring



USES
Formal hedging
Screening
Topiary



SUITABILITY
Livestock
Deer Resistant





Oval Leaf Privet

Ligustrum ovalifolium

A dense, fast-growing, versatile semi-evergreen, tolerant of wind, shade and heavy pollution, ideal as a formal hedge for urban environments.



A great choice for those seeking a robust hedge in areas prone to pollution and requiring privacy.



Description

Semi-evergreen, the Oval Leaf Privet remains a highly popular choice for both its dense screening and topiary value. Whilst it may lose some of its internal leaves in cold winters when exposed, the outside face often remains evergreen in appearance.

Appearance

Lustrous, dark green, 7cm oval leaves provide the perfect backdrop to the abundance of nectar-rich, scented white flowers that emerge in early summer, later followed by shiny spherical black fruit.

Placement

Thriving in virtually any well-drained soil, the Oval Leaf Privet is tough enough to withstand both exposed inland and coastal sites whether in full sun or heavier shade.

Uses

In addition to making a fabulous formal hedge that can be clipped to smooth curves or split-level designs, the Oval Leaf Privet makes a highly effective barrier against wind, dust and noise pollution. A great choice for more demanding urban sites that require privacy screening.



If left untrimmed, this hedge produces an abundance of flowers popular with insects, whilst the shiny black fruits are a great source of food for birds.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade
Shade



GROWTH
Fast
30-60cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
May and
August for a
formal hedge



USES
Privacy screening
Decorative hedge
Pollution barrier



SUITABILITY
Not suitable
for livestock
or horses

For larger scale projects talk to our team about our contract growing service.





Photinia

Photinia x fraseri 'Red Robin'

A bushy, upright, low-maintenance evergreen, boasting spectacular year-round foliage, tolerant of full sun and mild drought.



A hedge with WOW factor – a real visual stunner; the new pink growth brings drama and contrast to any setting.

Case Study

“Elveden provided an extremely high-quality hedging delivered on time, with professional delivery and extremely knowledgeable staff. We highly recommend Elveden Hedge and they are our ‘go to’ supplier for projects requiring instant hedging and the benefits it brings.”

Will Innes-Taylor – Contracts Manager, Oak View Landscapes

Description

Highly decorative, the elegant and hardy Photinia 'Red Robin' offers a stunning array of seasonal colour, making it an ideal specimen hedge.

Appearance

Glossy, elliptical, 10cm dark green broad leaves are complemented in spring and summer by the flush of new pink growth. Once matured, these leaves become a dazzling vibrant red before turning to bronze then dark green. Panicles of small, creamy-white flowers appear in late spring, often followed by red berries.

Placement

Photinia 'Red Robin' thrives in most soils, except for heavy clays or those prone to waterlogging. Whilst happy in both sun or partial shade, the red foliage will emerge more vibrant when in full sun.

Uses

Whether kept sharp and formal or left as a more rounded screen, this hedge will provide a wealth of colour and interest to any planting scheme. Its bushy nature makes an excellent privacy screen and offers protection from wind and mild pollution.



Clusters of small flowers provide the perfect fuel stop for insects, whilst the dense foliage provides shelter for nesting birds.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Moderate
30cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
June when
the flowers
die down



USES
Privacy screening
Decorative hedge
Windbreak



SUITABILITY
Not suitable
for livestock
or horses

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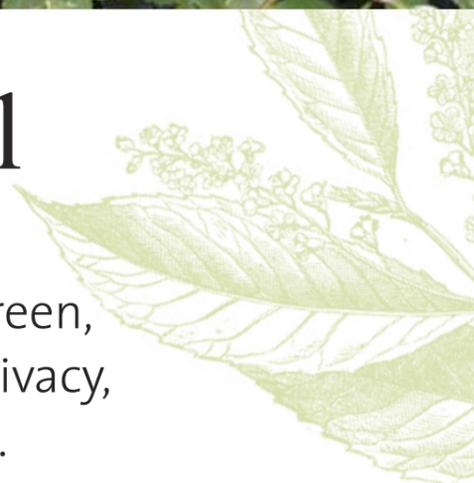




Portuguese Laurel

Prunus lusitanica

An incredibly robust, compact evergreen, providing year-round interest and privacy, tolerant of wind, shade and drought.



Portuguese Laurel provided a wonderful contrast to the newly built stone coloured raised beds.

Case Study

“Elveden is a great company to work with and they offer an amazing product and service. We used their Portuguese Laurel hedging in this project which gave instant impact and screening which the client was thrilled with.”

Tristan Gladwell – Roger Gladwell Landscape Design

Description

Portuguese Laurel, with its dense spreading foliage and resilient nature makes an elegant, formal hedge – ideal for more demanding situations.

Appearance

Glossy, elliptic, 8–10cm deep green leaves, borne from striking, plum-red coloured stems, provide the perfect backdrop to the vibrant green new growth in spring. These are joined in early summer by racemes to 25cm in length bearing scented, cup-shaped, creamy-white flowers. Decorative, slightly pointed red fruits follow in autumn, ripening to dark purple.

Placement

Suitable for any well-drained soil, Portuguese Laurel thrives in drier, more challenging conditions than Cherry Laurel. It performs equally well in full sun or deep shade and is ideal for exposed sites.

Uses

Highly versatile, its compact foliage makes for a highly effective privacy screen, impenetrable boundary or windbreak. Ideal for more formal planting, it responds particularly well to clipping, making it an ideal candidate for topiary.



An array of birds and other small animals adore the luscious berries that Laurel hedging plants produce.

					
SOIL Well-drained Chalk, Clay, Sand, Loam	SUNLIGHT Full sun Partial shade Shade	GROWTH Fast 40–60cm/yr approximately	PRUNING August	USES Formal hedging Privacy screening Pollution barrier	SUITABILITY Not suitable for livestock Deer resistant





Wild Privet

Ligustrum vulgare

A hardy, fast growing, semi-evergreen native, ideal for screening in urban environments and suitable for clipping into decorative designs.



A versatile alternative to Buxus for curved, linear or topiary schemes.



Description

A versatile native with a Victorian heritage – popular in inner city gardens due to its density and robust nature. Internal foliage may drop in very cold winters; however, outside faces often remain green. Ideal for poor dry soils

Placement

Wild Privet thrives in sun or partial shade in any well drained soil – especially chalk. Tough enough to withstand coastal winds, yet also decorative enough for cottage and informal gardens. Perfect also for wildflower meadows.



Fragrant summer flowers are enjoyed by bees and insects whilst the dense habit provides a safe resting place for birds and invertebrates.

Appearance

If left untrimmed, the lustrous dark green, 2–3cm lance-shaped leaves provide the perfect backdrop to white summer flowers. Dark, glossy purple berries in autumn, provide another source of seasonal interest.

Uses

Clips with ease to create decorative curves or split-level designs. An effective privacy screen and barrier against dust and noise pollution, – ideal for busy urban sites and coastal regions.



SOIL
Well-drained
Chalk, Clay,
Sand, Loam



SUNLIGHT
Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH
Fast
20–40cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING
Early summer
Late autumn



USES
Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Pollution barrier



SUITABILITY
Deer resistant

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Yew

Taxus baccata

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



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

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.



Installation & Establishment Guide

To position your hedge into its new surroundings, follow our step-by-step guide to ensure a successful installation and establishment



Species choice and ground conditions

An important part of choosing the right hedge is understanding the limitations of your chosen location. These can include:

- Restricted access
- Soil nutrients
- Soil moisture
- Shading
- Exposure



All of these restrictions can be overcome by choosing the right species or mix of species in your hedge, by some initial preparation and subsequent inputs during planting and aftercare. As each site and situation will be unique we suggest you speak with your landscaper or our nursery manager before making that final decision.

Preparing your planting position

Good soil preparation beforehand will give your hedge the best start in life.

Prepare the ground by digging out a continuous trench which should be a minimum of 60cm wide and no more than 40cm deep and 50cm longer than your finished hedge length ideally.

When digging out the trench keep the top soil and subsoil separate as you do not want to backfill the plants with the subsoil. If using subsoil to backfill add in a good quality compost and thoroughly aerate before use.

Remove all weeds and old roots from the trench to allow for good root growth.

Loosen the bottom and sides of the trench to make it less compact for the roots to penetrate and easier to get established. This is particularly important in heavy soils.

Add in a good quality compost to the soil you are backfilling the hedge with.



Robinson Arnold Landscaping

Taking delivery

Your hedge will usually be delivered in 2.4 metre lengths each of which will be sequentially labelled. Your delivery charge includes a waiting time of one hour whilst you unload which in most cases should be more than adequate to complete.

We strongly suggest that you have a telehandler or similar available as each section weighs at least 240kg and should never be lifted by hand.

Each hedge section should be lifted using 3 soft strops. Strop both ends of the section with the third strop in the middle just above root level. The hedge has been grown in such a way as to ensure the roots do not come apart if they are lifted in this way. Some bowing of the rooting section is normal however.

If strops are not available to unload, you can always pull your hedge into position across your telehandler forks and manoeuvre into position.

Storing delivered hedge sections should be avoided. We strongly recommend that the hedge is planted immediately upon delivery. This minimises handling and therefore risk of damage or further stress to the hedge.

In dry weather and following long delivery journeys we suggest the hedge roots are well watered before planting.



Delivered hedge is installed immediately after arrival to minimise stress and to encourage establishment.





Planting

It is always best to have the depth of the trench just slightly shallower than the depth of the root ball, as this will allow for natural drainage and settling in the soil.

If you are adding a rooting compound do so now. If you are using an underground irrigation system or anchoring system, this should be installed now.

Remove the growing membrane if it is still present.

The hedge sections should be manoeuvred into place following the sequential numbering on the label. The labelled end goes against the previously planted section of hedge. This will ensure the hedge 'knits' back together (see later).

Lower the hedge's roots into the planting trench, so the top of the root is approximately 5cm above the existing ground level.

Once all sections of hedge are in place backfill them lightly to allow straightening up of the hedge.

Check that the hedge is straight and symmetrical and that the ends of each section are 'knitted' back together and then firm down the soil around the root to ensure it is secure and no air pockets exist around the root. Remember to use the clean top soil and compost, not the subsoil.

We suggest that a layer of mulch is added now. This will help keep the hedge free from competing weeds and will help retain moisture around the roots. A mulch layer should be 5–8cm deep to retain the moisture, but leave a small ring around the stems.

Give your hedge a good watering now.

With hedging, it is good practice to very lightly clip them after planting, as long as extreme weather conditions, such as frost/snow or hot/direct sun are not forecast. This will give them an even line for growth and will encourage the hedge to bud out well in the spring.

Aftercare

Aftercare is extremely important; follow these steps to ensure good establishment;

- Ensure plants are well-watered during dry spells for at least the next two years.
- Top-dress annually with a general slow release fertilizer and re-apply mulch as required.
- If you are not using mulch then control weed growth immediately under and adjacent to your hedge.

We suggest a weed free buffer of 1m along the hedge to avoid competition for water from weeds, lawns and other plants.

- In some areas it is necessary to protect hedges from damage caused by rabbits or other animals. Surround the hedge with a barrier of wire netting secured to stakes.
- If pruning your hedge this should be done at the end of each growing season.





Contract Growing

17 varieties

All our hedges can be contract grown – giving you the flexibility to have it delivered on site exactly when you require it.



Benefits of Contract Growing

Contract growing offers the perfect solution for larger and more unusual projects. Early procurement of a Elveden Instant Hedge secures stock availability, allows for easy project cost forecasting and gives peace of mind.

Elveden Instant Hedges are grown over a period of 3 years and are clipped regularly to establish a dense healthy product – so your hedge will be delivered on-site looking its very best and with instant impact.

Why choose Elveden?

Elveden is renowned for growing products of exceptional quality, providing an excellent service and establishing long-standing customer relationships.

Our knowledgeable staff work closely with our clients to meet their criteria and to ensure the choices and investment they make is the correct one and can be enjoyed for many years to come.

Please contact a member of the team to discuss your growing requirements.



Placing Your Order

Further information

Our hedging experts are available to answer any questions you may have and will guide you through the ordering, delivery and payment process.

Elveden hedging is available direct, for both trade and retail customers and is distributed nationwide.

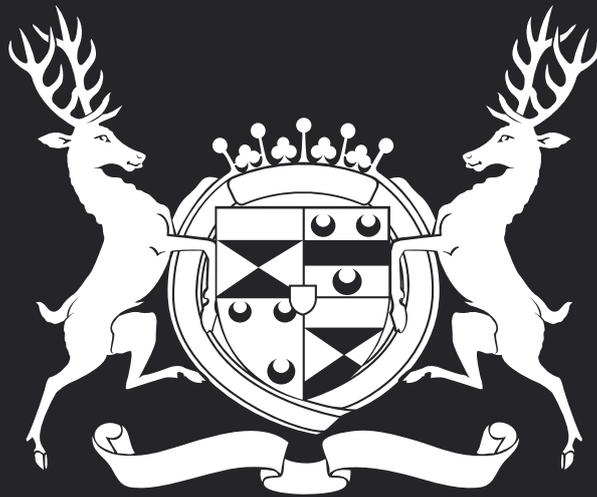
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