Rochfords

Native Hedging Information.

Native hedges are great for providing year round colour, interest, structure and wildlife corridors. Hedgerows are considered to be a valuable native plant habitat. An ideal native hedge mix should consist of 4 species with 50 - 75 % Hawthorn. The ideal time to plant a native mix hedge is in the autumn from bare root stock. However as this is not always possible most plants are available all year round in containers. Most hedges will need protection from damage by rabbits, deer and livestock, with spirals.

New mixed hedges should be planted at a rate of 4-8 plants per metre but most often 5 plants per metre in 2 staggered rows. See diagram below;

Planting Rate x x x
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Native Hedging Plants

Common Name	**Scientific Name**	**Common Name**	**Scientific Name**
Ash	*Fraxinius excelsior*	Horse Chestnut	*Aesculus hippocastanum*
Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	Quaking Poplar / Aspen	*Populus tremula*
Bird Cherry	*Prunus padus*	Red Oak	*Quercus rubra*
Blackthorn	*Prunus spinosa*	Red Stemmed Dogwood	*Cornus alba*
Alder	*Alnus glutinosa*	Rowan / Mountain Ash	*Sorbus aucuparia*
Crab Apple	*Malus sylvestris*	Scots Pine	*Pinus sylvestris*
Dog Rose	*Rosa canina*	Silver Birch	*Betula pendula*
Dogwood	*Cornus sanguinea*	Small Leaved Lime	*Tillia cordata*
Elder	*Sambucus nigra*	Snowberry	*Symphoricarpos albus*
English Oak	*Quercus robur*	Spindle	*Euonymus europeus*
Field Maple	*Acer campestre*	Swedish Whitebeam	*Sorbus intermedia*
Goat Willow	*Salix caprea*	Violet Willow	*Salix daphnoides*
Golden Willow	*Salix alba vitellina*	Wayfaring Tree	*Viburnum lanata*
Guelder Rose	*Viburnum opulus*	White Poplar / Aspen	*Populus alba*
Hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*	White Willow	*Salix alba*
Hazel	*Corylus avellana*	Wild Cherry	*Prunus avium*
Holly	*Ilex aquifolium*	Wild Privet	*Ligustrum vulgare*
Hornbeam	*Carpinus betulus*	Wild Service Tree	*Sorbus torminalis*

Planting Information and Aftercare

As with all new plantings, the ground should be well prepared and free of weeds. Always plant with a handful of bonemeal to encourage strong root growth. Keep the planted hedge as weed free as possible for at least 4 years using mulch mats. Protect from grazing animals using spirals and canes for support.