

# Tree and Hedge species recommended for the wider countryside by the Jersey Tree and Hedgerow Forum October 2019

## What should I plant?

Firstly look for what is already growing in your area that looks like it's been there for a long time and is thriving. The planting and management of new hedgerows should be in keeping with local character.

Next chose species listed below that suit your area best.

## Planting mixes for hedgerow creation

New hedge planting should include at least three species from one of the following three mixes (1-3). 50%-70% of the plants should be the dominant species (hawthorn, elder or blackthorn) and the remaining 30-50% should be made up of equal quantities of corresponding sub-dominant species (right hand column below). Double hedge planting is always recommended planting where spaces allows.

Hedge Species	
Dominant species (50-70%)	At least two additional sub-dominant species (30-50%)
1 Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> )	Elder ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> ) Hazel ( <i>Corylus avellana</i> ) Blackthorn - Sloe ( <i>Prunus spinosa</i> ) Cherry Plum
2 Elder ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> )	Hazel ( <i>Corylus avellana</i> ) Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> ) Blackthorn - Sloe ( <i>Prunus spinosa</i> ) Cherry Plum
3 Blackthorn - sloe ( <i>Prunus spinosa</i> )	Hazel ( <i>Corylus avellana</i> ) Elder ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> ) Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> ) Cherry Plum

**Where appropriate, and depending on location the occasional use of the following hedging plants is acceptable:**

Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)  
Common/European Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)  
Dog Rose (*Rosa canina*)  
Field Maple (*Acer campestre*)

**Not traditional Jersey boundary species but can be used in gardens and more urban areas**

Tamrisk (*Tamarix spp.*)  
Shrubby Orache (*Atriplex halimus*)  
Privet

N.B. In certain circumstances other species not on this list may be appropriate.

## Planting mixes for trees within hedgerows

Within your hedge any of the following tree Jersey native species can be planted at 6-8 metres apart.

### Trees

#### Tree species should mainly consist of the following:

English oak (*Quercus robur*)  
Sweet chestnut (*Castanea sativa*)  
Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*)  
Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)

#### Where appropriate, the very occasional use of the following trees is acceptable:

Common Name	Latin name	Notes
Common willow	( <i>Salix cinerea</i> )	marshy land
Common alder	( <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> )	marshy land
Wild cherry	( <i>Prunus avium</i> )	good for pollinator species and birds
Wild crab apple	( <i>Malus sylvestris</i> )	good for wildlife
Holly	( <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> )	shade tolerant
Scots Pine	( <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> )	good for squirrels
Medlar	( <i>Mespilus germanica</i> )	good for wildlife
Bird Cherry	( <i>Prunus padus</i> )	good for birds
Osier Willow	( <i>Salix viminalis</i> )	marshy land
Wild Pear	( <i>Pyrus communis</i> )	good for pollinator species

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**Trees and hedge plants, guards, mulch mats, shelters and supports (bio degradable) can be purchased from the Jersey Trees For Life (Cheap Tree Scheme – Tel 857611) or other suppliers offering value for money.**