

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

Buxus sempervirens

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Botanical name	Buxus sempervirens ·Buxaceae
Delivery size	6 plants/9 cm pot/10–25 cm total including pot
Habit	Slow evergreen densely branched shrub; unpruned also small tree
Later height	Long-term metres, RHS 4–8 m; trimmed border height is care target
Flowering	Spring often April–May, regular shaping can reduce flowers
Flowers	Small inconspicuous yellowish/green–yellow in leaf axils
Planting	Prefer spring/autumn, frost-free not waterlogged ground
Spacing	Shop 20–25 cm offered young plants; RHS 30–40 cm larger species hedges, plan by shape/development

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Arrival	Check moisture/healthy twigs, care until planting.	Small nursery pots dry fast.
Site	Partial shade/draining reliably supplied soil.	Sun possible, drought there stresses leaves.
Plant	Spring/autumn same ball level, water in.	Deep planting/compaction restrict roots.
Spacing	20–25 cm shop guidance for small offered plants.	Closed line comes through growth/pruning.
Water	Dry soil, slowly at roots.	Wet leaves do not prove watered ball.
Feed	Good garden soil no blanket extra, pots per label.	Extras replace neither drainage nor healthy roots.
Shape	Build young gently, established shapes late–summer cut.	Firm new foliage less delicate than soft shoots.
Checks	Distinguish caterpillars/webs and black shoot lines.	Feeding damage/fungal injury need different assessment.
Winter	Protect pot roots, check frost-free days.	Evergreen leaves still lose water in winter.

Knowledge that grows

Small leaves enable shape

Far away continuous green surface, close up many short twigs carrying small leathery mostly opposite leaves. Dark upper green/dense branching visible winter. Woody shrub, green young growth later brown.

Borders/hedges/shapes possible, ball built over years not assured trait of young plant. Species needs no particular shape for character.

Six youngsters start border

Offer 6 plants/9 cm pots/10–25 cm total including pot. Clean original small upright untrimmed plant. Check ball while unwrapping, protect drying until planted. Individuals may differ height/branch width. Set pots along planned line before digging. Shop 20–25 cm close start for small plants; later shape by growth/soil/pruning, not instant closed tall hedge.

Partial shade eases water balance

Box tolerates sun/shade. Bright partial shade manageable for young leaves/shallow roots with less heat. Full sun requires reliable soil moisture. Drying wind/strong winter sun can stress evergreen despite garden suitability.

Ground drains without constantly drying completely. Under large tree shade/root competition separate: check earth, shady not automatically moist. No deeper than original root ball level.

Planting line is root space first

Spring/autumn favourable workable soil not wet smearing. Remove competing vegetation/loosen connected rooting space. Small holes in hard ground give future hedge little room. Same ball level, fill/water thoroughly. Loose mulch shields shallow roots, keep trunk base clear. Free-growing species needs much more space than border. RHS 30–40 cm for larger species hedges; both spacing guides for different starting sizes not cultivar identification.

A dry rootball needs water, not a calendar date

After planting check repeatedly inside/beside original ball. Rain may wet surrounds while densely rooted pot earth stays dry within. Slowly water ground as needed reaching roots. Constantly wet soil as poor as total drying.

Established good-ground plants usually less supplementary water, help prolonged drought. Pots ongoing checks including frost-free winter days. Feed by ground/growth, fertile bed no automatic extra; summer pots per label.

Branch first, hold outline later

Young box gently shortened late spring for wide base; leave healthy foliage/build height gradually. Developed shape late summer once shoots firmer. Dry mild day/clean sharp tools; newly exposed inner leaves no immediate strong sun. Repeated very tight clipping thickens surface, check light/air inside. Neglected large plant may rejuvenate late spring, stronger intervention requiring subsequent care, not routine freshly planted youngster.

Chewing damage and dieback need different replies

Spring–autumn inspect twigs. Caterpillars/webs/eaten leaves suggest box-tree moth; reachable caterpillars can pick off. Brown falling leaves/black stripes young shoots suggest fungus needing specialist assessment. Colour alone proves neither moth nor deficiency; drought/wetness/winter stress possible. Water soil, prune dry foliage, clean tools between affected zones. Heavily damaged material not healthy cuttings. Not for human/animal eating. Recurrent severe harm may make another hedge sensible.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



AI-created original-based leaf detail, young green leaf character not finished clipped shape.

Clean unchanged young-plant shop original, 6 plants/9 cm pot/10-25 cm total pot included.

Good to know

Six plants finished hedge?

No, small 9 cm pots, continuous border develops with time/suitable pruning.

Common box naturally low?

No, untrimmed metres over years; low shape maintained pruning.

Why spacing differs?

Shop 20–25 cm young plants/RHS 30–40 cm ordinary hedges. Starting size/shape matter.

Hard prune new hedge now?

No, establish first. Gentle shaping keeps healthy leaves; rejuvenation for old misshapen plants.

Brown always moth?

No, look for caterpillars/webs. Drought/wetness/fungi also discolour.

Why no fixed watering days?

Small balls/soil/wind/weather affect need. Actual moisture better than weekday.

Care like Harlandii bonsai?

Different species/culture. This garden Buxus sempervirens, frost-free Buxus harlandii bonsai winter not general instruction.

The matching offer

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