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Selection, spacing & planting tips to help you hedge

So you've decided to plant a hedge or screen. Hedges tend to be a solid structure so you are looking for tightly foliaged trees, often smaller leaved trees that can be clipped easily to shape. The screen is much softer, used for privacy...

Ficus microcarpa hillii 'Flash'

FLASH ORNAMENTAL FIG TREE

This tree is very popular for its thick foliage and suitability for instant hedging and screens. A small fast growing tree to 8m it has bulk and presence. Foliage consisting of different shades of green makes it a favourite among many landscapers. If you want maximum height at 8m, plant material 2.5m apart; for a 5m hedge, plant 1.6m apart, using the 3:1 rule. We have stock available 20cm, 30cm and 40cm.

Acmena (syn. Syzygium) smithii 'DOW30' Sublime™

SUBLIME LILLY PILLY TREE

This is a lovely hardy foliage-feature tree with refreshing lime new growth and dense foliage to the ground. A great option for hedging or screening to around 5m tall. In summer, some white fluffy flowers appear, berry production is unlike other Lilly Pillies, with minimal quantities of small edible deep to light mauve berries that don't stain surfaces if left or crushed.

Syzygium australe 'SAN01' Straight and Narrow ™

STRAIGHT AND NARROW LILLY PILLY TREE

This Lilly Pilly is a better form than the narrow growing 'Pinnacle' due to its dense foliage and naturally columnar form. Foliage is a mid-green colour and fruits are reddish-pink. As the name suggests it is a great selection for narrow spaces.

Photinia x fraseri 'NP01' Thin Red ™

THIN RED PHOTINIA TREE

Thin Red™ Photinia is a narrow hedging tree with beautiful red new-growth foliage. Displays of small white flowers can be seen in mid to late spring.

Laurus nobilis 'Miles Choice'

HEDGING BAY TREE

This Bay tree offers a more compact form and grows slightly smaller than the traditional Bay Tree to around 7m tall, with denser, glossy, dark green foliage.

Prunus lusitanica

PORTUGUESE LAUREL TREE

This is a very hardy evergreen shrub or small tree. Its dense habit lends itself well to hedging and screening and as it responds well to pruning, it is even ideal as a large standard. Bark is blackish-brown and the leaves are glossy, dark green and oval in shape, with new growth being lime green in colour. Small white flower heads decorate the tree in spring followed by cherry-like fruits which are green or reddish green at first, and turn dark purple or black as they ripen in late summer or early autumn.

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