

Buxus, Boxwood (*Buxaceae*)



microphylla "Faulkner"

Evergreen shrub with very compact habit, ascending. Opposite leaves, leathery, ovoidal or round, 1.5-2.5cm long, 1-1.50cm wide, a vivid, dark green colour which lasts throughout the winter without turning red or only very slightly if the weather is extremely cold. Growing conditions and use - like Buxus sempervirens.

microphylla "Golden Triumph"®

Origin: Japan. Evergreen dwarf shrub of compact, round habit. Oval leaves, 1,5 cm long, 1,5 cm large, green with yellow edges; some leaves are completely yellow. Ideal for borders and evergreen mazes.





sempervirens

Origin: Europe, North Africa, Turkey. Evergreen shrub, sometimes a small tree which is characterised by dense branches which start from the base. Upright habit, rather narrow in the first years, then spreading out. Green, quadrangular branches when young, round and grey later. Opposite leaves, oval-lanceolate, leathery, slightly notched at the tips, deep, bright green, paler on the underside, 2-3cm long, 1-1.20cm wide. Flowers in March-April, not very beautiful but attractive to bees, greenish-yellow in axillary racemes. Fruit: greenish-blue capsules containing seeds. Grows well in

any type of soil, even calcareous, as long as it is fertilised and well drained. Tolerates full sun if it is not combined with dry soil. Withstands any type of pruning and it is one of the shrubs most used for hedges, evergreen mazes and topiary sculptures. Together with *Taxus baccata* it is one of the most popular plants in formal Italian gardens.

sempervirens "Arborescens"

Origin: Europe. Evergreen shrub, upright, dense, wider than the two previous ones. Green quadrangular branches which become round and grey. Leathery leaves, ovoidal, 1.50-3cm long, glossy dark green on the upper side, paler underneath. Growing requirements and use: like *Buxus sempervirens*.





sempervirens
"Aureovariegata"

Origin: Europe. Differs from *B. sempervirens* for its reduced growth and bright green leaves with creamy-white margins.

sempervirens
"Latifolia Macrophylla "

Evergreen shrub with pyramidal habit, dense and very regular. Glossy, dark green, elongate leaves, much larger than the other varieties (3-4cm long, 2-3cm wide). Insignificant flowers, not very numerous at the axils of the leaves. Grows well in all normal soils, even dry and calcareous. Tolerates pollution and any kind of pruning.





***sempervirens* "Suffruticosa"**
(*B. pumila*), True Dwarf Boxwood

Origin: Europe. This is the slowest growing Buxus, with the smallest leaves, most dense and compact growth. It is ideal for forming sculptured borders which require little pruning. Tiny, evergreen leaves (1cm in length and width), glossy, dark green above, paler on the underside. All other characteristics are the same as *B. sempervirens*.