



## Taxus baccata



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| <b>Height</b>                | 10 - 15 (20) m                                                                     |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 8-12m                                                                              |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | ovoid to round, irregular, dark, dense crown                                       |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | bark thin and brownish red, flaking, deep grooves                                  |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | needles, deep dark green, 1.5 - 3 cm, evergreen                                    |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | unremarkable, dioecious, ♂yellow buds, ♀green                                      |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | brownish black seeds, covered 4/5 with a fleshy, red case                          |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None                                                                               |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | has toxic components                                                               |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | well-permeable                                                                     |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving                                                                |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)                                                              |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | good                                                                               |
| <b>Other resistances</b>     | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind                                  |
| <b>Fauna tree</b>            | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds         |
| <b>Application</b>           | tree containers, roof gardens, industrial areas, patio gardens                     |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | clearstem tree, multi-stem treem, clearstem conifer, specimen conifer, hedge plant |
| <b>Origin</b>                | Europe, North Africa, Western Asia, Caucasus                                       |

Usually large bush that grows into a small tree. Growth is slow, but the tree can eventually attain a height of approx. 15 - 20 m and a width of approx. 12 - 15 m. The crown is irregularly shaped. The short, brownish red trunk becomes thick and flakes off when the tree is old. Old branches hang down steeply and sometimes touch the ground. Young twigs are green. The needles are opposed on horizontally protruding twigs and spiral around vertically growing twigs. Striking fruit appears after unremarkable flowering: The seeds are covered 4/5 by an oval, fleshy, red case that is 0.6 – 0.7 cm long. Although the fleshy part of the fruit is not poisonous, the seeds and needles are. The plant is perfect for clipping into hedges or other shapes.