



Taxus ×media 'Hicksii'



Height	3 - 5 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	ovoid, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs brown, bark reddish brown, flaky, fibrous
Leaf	needles, approx. 2.5 cm dark green, evergreen
Flowers	inconspicuous, female
Fruits	brown-black seeds, 4/5 enclosed in a fleshy red aril
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	sandy loam, well-drained
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	multi-stem tree, specimen conifer, hedge plant
Origin	Hick's Nursery, Westbury, NJ, USA, 1923

Strong Taxus with an upright growing crown of about 3 to maximum 5 m tall and quite dense branching. Initially, 'Hicksii' grows almost columnar, the crown later becoming narrow ovoid. The twigs are brown and, typical of this tree, they are fairly strongly undulated. The old bark is reddish brown, flaky and fibrous. On very old trees the bark is grooved. The dark green needles are of average length, but at approx. 0.25 cm wide they are relatively narrow. This female cultivar can bear lots of fruit. This consists of elliptical, brown-black seeds, 4/5 of which is enclosed by a fleshy red aril of about 0.7 cm long. Although suitable as a small tree in a garden or park, 'Hicksii' is first and foremost an ideal hedge conifer. As the tree tolerates heavy pruning, it is perfect for hedges and other shapes.