

# Free Tree Scheme Information Sheet 1 – Suitable Trees

## Shrub trees for planting in a hedgerow or small copse.

Common Name	Latin Name	Comment
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Main hedgerow shrub. Grows to 6m (20 ft)
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hedgerow shrub, forming bushy thickets in the wild. Responds very well to pruning. Max height 6m (20ft)
Field Maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	Hedgerow or individual tree, good autumn colour. Grows to 9m (30 ft)
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Native evergreen. Amazingly the books say it can Grow to 25m! (80 ft) but not in GB.
Dogwood	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Hedgerow tree, leaves give good autumn colour, red stems. Grows up to 4m.
Spindle	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Hedgerow shrub, wonderful coloured pink fruit (Poisonous). Grows to 3m
Wayfaring tree	<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Hedgerow shrub – attractive. Grows to 6m.
Guelder rose	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Hedgerow shrub - attractive. Good berries. Grows to 4m.

## Tree species for planting as standards in a hedgerow or copse.

Common Name	Latin Name	Comment
Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Tree which grows up to 19m (65 ft). Very characteristic tree of Epping Forest. Slow growing.
Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	Tree grows 30m + (100 ft). Very long lived.
Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Tree which grows between 30 and 40m (100/140 ft). Faster growing than Oak or Hornbeam.
Rowan	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	Tree which grows up to 15m (50ft). Good for wildlife because of its berries.
Wild Service Tree	<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	Uncommon tree associated with old hedgerows and woods. Attractive in the autumn. Grows to 25m (80 ft).
Silver Birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	Tree which grows quickly, but relatively short lived. Grows to 18m (60 ft)
Wild Cherry	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Native wild cherry tree. Can grow to 18m + (60 ft).

All the above are acceptable to plant as part of the free tree scheme as they are all native i.e. would naturally be found in this country. All these trees exist within Epping Forest or the wider countryside across the Epping Forest District. The heights of the trees given only as a very rough guide to help decide how many to plant and where. Hedgerows are best planted in a double staggered row of between 4 and 6 plants per metre. 50% of the hedge can comprise Hawthorn.