



Taxus baccata



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