

Boxwood

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<i>Buxus microphylla</i> 'Grace Hendrick Phillips'	Grace Hendrick Phillips Boxwood	Slow	1' x 3' at 25 years	This boxwood spreads faster than 'Morris Dwarf' or 'Morris Midget'. Its growth habit follows the ground contour, resulting in a soft-looking plant. Tolerates a range of soil conditions.	Use as an edging plant, in rock gardens or bonsai.	Morris Dwarf', 'Morris Midget', 'Green Pillow'
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> 'Green Pillow'	Green Pillow Boxwood	Slow	2' x 3.5' at 25 yrs.	An extremely uniform oval habit. Slightly larger than 'Morris Midget' or 'Morris Dwarf'.	Use as an edging plant, a small foundation plant or in bonsai.	Morris Midget' 'Morris Dwarf', 'Grace Hendrick Phillips'
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> <i>var. japonica</i> 'Green Beauty'	Green Beauty Boxwood	Medium to fast	3' x 4' @ 15 yrs.	Depending on planting site habit will be either mound-shaped, wider than tall, or more typically upright, taller than wide. Excellent dark winter color. Initial pruning of plant at grapefruit-volleyball size is mandatory, after which annual pruning is needed to maintain shape.	Use as a specimen, foundation planting, or low hedge.	Jim Stauffer', 'Green Velvet'. Possible substitute for English Boxwood, especially in a sunnier location.
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> <i>var. japonica</i> 'Jim's True Spreader'	True Spreader Boxwood	Medium to fast	3' x 4' @ 15 yrs.	Extremely winter hardy. Very similar to Green Beauty as a smaller plant, but becomes more spreading, wider than tall. Excellent winter color and hardiness.	Use as a foundation or hedging plant.	Green Beauty', 'Wintergreen'
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> <i>var. japonica</i> 'Kingsville Dwarf'	Kingsville Boxwood	Very slow.	1' x 2' in 50 yrs.	Very compact growing plant. Often used in bonsai. Has some problems with winter bronzing.	Use in bonsai or rock gardens.	
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> <i>var. japonica</i> 'Morris Dwarf'	Morris Dwarf Boxwood	Very slow.	1.5' x 3' at 25 yrs.	Compact, mounding habit. Sun tolerant.	Good substitute for Suffruticosa for edging beds. Remove vigorous reversions to maintain its compact habit.	Morris Midget', 'Grace Hendrick Phillips', 'Green Pillow'
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> <i>var. japonica</i> 'Morris Midget'	Morris Midget Boxwood	Very slow.	1.5' x 2.5' at 25 yrs.	Low, mounding habit. Slightly smaller than 'Morris Dwarf'.	Compact habit makes it a great edged in formal beds. Bonsai.	Morris Dwarf', 'Grace Hendrick Phillips', 'Green Pillow'

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<i>Buxus microphylla</i> <i>var. koreana</i> 'Winter Gem'	Winter Gem Boxwood	2.25"-4.25" per yr.	2' high	Low, spreading. Branches at ground level. Similar to Wintergreen.	Specimen, hedge, massing.	
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	American Boxwood	Medium to fast	12' x 9' @ 50 yrs.	Often referred to as common boxwood. Upright pyramidal grower with rich green foliage. Often used as hedging and as a specimen. Medium to fast grower. Needs well-drained soil.		None
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Dee Runk'	Dee Runk Boxwood	Medium	10' x 3' at 15 yrs.	A conical grower. Prune to a single leader. Becomes a very distinctive upright plant with branches at a 45-degree angle. Has performed well in heavy soils where 'Graham Blandy' has done poorly.	Use as an upright specimen, tall hedge, to frame doorways and windows, or accent corners.	Fastigiata
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Elegantissima'	Elegantissima Boxwood	Slow	4' x 3' at 25 yrs.	Small to medium, somewhat open, upright, pyramidal to rounded habit. An outstanding variegated boxwood. Creamy white edges on leaves. Performs best under the shade of large trees to allow for best development of variegation.	Use as a foundation plant, in hedging, or as a specimen or focal point. A great way to brighten shady areas.	
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Fastigiata'	Fastigate Boxwood	Medium	10' x 4' at 25 yrs.	Conical plant. Shiny dark blue-green foliage with a minimum of bronzing in winter. Appears much more tolerant of heavy or poorly drained soils than 'Graham Blandy'. Slightly broader habit than 'Dee Runk'.	Good as a upright specimen. Use to frame doorways or accent corners.	Dee Runk'
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Graham Blandy'	Graham Blandy Boxwood	3-1/2" per yr.	10-12' x 1- 1.5' @ 25 yrs.	A columnar grower. Does not do well in poorly drained soils or any soil with high moisture content. Better retains its columnar habit when grown in full shade.	An accent plant used as an "exclamation mark."	Dee Runk'

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<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Jensen'	Jensen Boxwood	Slow to medium	3' x 3' at 25 yrs.	Multiple-stemmed, slightly wider than tall. Difficult to distinguish from English Boxwood other than by its bluish spring foliage.	Good for foundation planting or as a low hedge.	Justin Brouwers', 'Suffruticosa'
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Suffruticosa'	Dwarf English Boxwood	Slow to medium	3' x 4' at 25 yrs.	Often referred to as dwarf boxwood. Formal in its growth habit, it grows about 1-2 inches a year. Prefers pH above 6. Used in old colonial landscapes as edging plant or as a specimen. Is very sensitive in its adaptability to various environments.	Use as a specimen, foundation planting, hedge, in colonial gardens. Allow space for its ultimate size.	Depending on use and site conditions: 'Jensen', 'Justin Brouwer', 'Green Beauty', 'Morris Dwarf', 'Morris Midget', 'Green Velvet'
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> 'Vadar Valley'	Vadar Valley Boxwood	Slow to medium	2.5' x 5' at 30 yrs.	Plant has a broad spreading habit and dark green foliage that has a prominent bluish cast in spring. Hardy. Sun or shade.	Use in foundation plantings.	None
<i>Buxus sinica</i> var. <i>insularis</i> 'Justin Brouwers'	Justin Brouwers Boxwood	Slow to medium	3' x 4' at 25 yrs.	Narrow, dark green foliage on a dwarf mounding plant. Good for use as an edging and/or specimen plant in miniature gardens. (Discovered as a seedling in Williamsburg, VA.) Very similar to English boxwood in	Use as edging, hedge, or foundation planting.	Green Mound', 'Suffruticosa', 'Jensen', 'Green Velvet'
<i>Buxus sinica</i> var. <i>insularis</i> 'Winter Beauty'	Winter Beauty Boxwood	Medium to fast	3' x 4'	Good mounded form with dark green foliage. Broadly conical at maturity.	Good for use under windows, a specimen, low hedge, or mass planting.	
<i>Buxus sinica</i> var. <i>insularis</i> 'Wintergreen'	Wintergreen Boxwood	Very fast.	4' x 5' @ 15 yrs.	One of the hardiest boxwoods. Broad and vase-shaped in habit. A great Japanese holly substitute. It needs some shearing to maintain its tight shape. A very fast grower. Maintains good color through winter.	Use in foundation plantings or as hedge.	A good Japanese holly substitute for shady locations. 'Jim's Tru Spreader', 'Green Beauty'
<i>Buxus</i> x "Green Mountain"	Green Mountain Boxwood	Fast	5' x 3' @ about 25 yrs.	Faster growing than Green Mound or Green Velvet. Can be clipped to a formal pyramid or cone shape. Unpruned, in its natural form, it is more columnar in its growth habit.	Use as a specimen, hedge, or massing plant.	Green Velvet' (if a tight conical shape is not necessary)

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<i>Buxus x 'Green Mound'</i>	Green Mound Boxwood	Medium	3' x 3' at 25 yrs.	Upright growing. Sun or shade, very cold hardy.	Use as foundation planting or hedge.	Justin Brouwers', 'Green Velvet'
<i>Buxus x 'Green Velvet'</i>	Green Velvet Boxwood	Medium to fast	4' x 4' @ about 25 yrs.	More of a bush or spherical grower than Green Mountain. For sun or shade. Very cold hardy.	Due to it's low height it is useful under low house windows. Low hedge.	Green Mound'