

Taxus baccata

Botanical Name: *Taxus baccata*

Common Name: Irish yew, yew

Morphological Characters:

It is a small to medium-sized evergreen tree, growing 10–20 metres (33–66 ft) (exceptionally up to 28 metres (92 ft)) tall, with a trunk up to 2 metres (6 ft 7 in) (exceptionally 4 metres (13 ft)) diameter. The bark is thin, scaly brown, coming off in small flakes aligned with the stem. The leaves are flat, dark green, 1–4 centimetres (0.39–1.57 in) long and 2–3 millimetres (0.079–0.118 in) broad, arranged spirally on the stem, but with the leaf bases twisted to align the leaves in two flat rows either side of the stem, except on erect leading shoots where the spiral arrangement is more obvious. The leaves are poisonous.



Growing season and Type

1. Flowering time February
2. Planting time September-October or March-April
3. Hardiness Hardy



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1. Flower of *Taxus baccata*
2. Leaf of *Taxus baccata*
3. Tree of *Taxus baccata*



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