

## *Buxus sempervirens*

### *Common Box*



*Buxus sempervirens*—Ball 1.2-1.4m

*Buxus sempervirens* is a slow growing evergreen shrub or small tree, growing between 1 and 8 metres tall. The small (1.5 to 3cm long) green to yellow leathery dark to blackish green leaves depending on the season have a pungent smell, and are oval in shape but can differ depending on the variant.

This tough evergreen plant is extremely shade tolerant, often growing in the wild under large deciduous trees to which they remain subordinate, it also re-grows from broken stumps and once established is almost indestructible.

A very popular ornamental plant in gardens, particularly valued for topiary such as Balls, Cones, Cubes and Spirals as well hedges because of its small leaves and evergreen nature, tolerance of close shearing and scented foliage.

## **Plant Profile**

Name:	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>
Common Name:	Common Box
Other Name:	European Box
Family:	Buxaceae
Height:	Up to between 4 and 6 metres
Width:	Up to between 4 and 6 metres
Demands:	Partial Shade / Full Shade
Soil:	Chalk, Clay, Sand or Loam
Foliage:	Evergreen
Toxicity:	Ingestion may cause stomach upset



*Buxus sempervirens*—Umbrella 3-3.5m



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 Deepdale

Prior to the 1800's  
the wood from the  
Buxus was used to make  
flutes and other musical  
instruments.



*Buxus sempervirens* 60x60x60



*Buxus sempervirens*—Beehive 1.0-1.5m



*Buxus sempervirens*—spiral 1.5m