

## Taxus baccata

### (English Yew)

English yew is the most well know plant used for hedges or for topiary. If left grown naturally it will create an upright spreading canopy.<span style="line-height:20.7999992370605px">The attractive, reddish-brown trunk is often fluted and can become quite massive.</span><span style="line-height:1.6em"> The leaves are needle like, evergreen. During spring the plant has a </span>inconspicuous flowers folowed by a small but very decoratice red fruit which contains a poisonous seeds known, capable of poisoning both man and livestock. The same toxin found in leaves, bark. <span style="line-height:1.6em">The tree is very adaptable to drought,and can be grown in sun or in partial shade but it can not take any heat. Used as hedge, screen , topiary, bonsai even for windbreaks. </span>



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** f à baies, If commun

**Arabic Name:** طقسوس توتي, زرنب

**Pronunciation:** TACK-sus back-AY-tuh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Europe, Northern Africa, Western Asia

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

**Hardiness Zones:** 5, 6, 7

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Specimen, Windbreak

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** Round, Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 8 to 10 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** More than 50 Years

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Waxy, Glossy

**Leaf Scent:** Pleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Color:** Brown

**Seasons:** Spring

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Colored, Papery

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Fleshy

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red

**Seasons:** Fall, Winter

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

#### Management

**Toxity:** Yes

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Scales, Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting, Grafting

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## MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image