

ATLAS CEDAR

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Cedrus atlantica

FEATURES

It is an **evergreen** conifer, native to the Atlas Mountains between **Morocco** and **Algeria**, and introduced as an **ornamental species** in the 19th century. It grows to a height of **30 m** and has a conical-pyramidal shape when young, which flattens out at the top as it ages. It has blue-green **needles** about 1 cm long, arranged in rosettes, and silvery-grey **bark** that cracks vertically.

FLOWERS and FRUITS

It has male and female **cones** that rely on wind pollination. The cones are erect and cylindrical, varying in colour from green to reddish-brown. The female cones mature over 2–3 years, releasing **winged seeds**.

USES

It has **great ornamental value**, and its aromatic, durable **wood** is used in carpentry.



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BOXWOOD

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Buxus sempervirens

FEATURES

It is an **evergreen shrub native to the Mediterranean region**, widely used in gardens.

It generally grows to a height of 2-4 m and is **slow-growing**. It has dense branches and very hard, durable **wood**. The **leaves** are small, opposite, oval, leathery and glossy. It thrives in **dry, rocky and calcareous soils**. It tolerates drought well and has a robust root system.

FLOWER and FRUITS

The **flowers** are small, inconspicuous, greenish-yellow ones. They bloom in spring.

The **fruits** are green, woody capsules that split open when ripe.

USES

It is used for ornamental purposes, particularly for hedges and for creating geometric **shapes (topiary)**. It is ideal for borders and can sometimes even help to **stabilise** the soil. In recent years, it has been affected by the **box tree moth**.



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ENGLISH OAK

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Quercus robur

FEATURES

The English oak is a **large**, long-lived and **majestic deciduous oak**, typical of the **European plains**. It is a **large** tree, often exceeding 30–40 m in height. It has a broad, spreading and irregular **crown**. The **trunk** is massive, with grey-brown bark that is deeply fissured in mature specimens. The **leaves** are lobed with very short petioles.

FLOWER and FRUITS

The plants have male **flowers** (with pendulous catkins) and female flowers (small and inconspicuous) on the same plant, and pollination is wind-borne.

The **fruits** are acorns with a long stalk that ripen in autumn and are essential for wildlife.

USES

The **wood** is hard and durable, and is used in construction and carpentry. There are also some **monumental specimens**.



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EVERGREEN MAGNOLIA

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Maniolia grandiflora

FEATURES

This tree is native to the south-eastern **United States** and was introduced to Europe in the 18th century. It is a slow-growing **evergreen** tree that can reach a height of **25-37 metres**. It has a dense crown composed of large, **leathery, glossy leaves**. It prefers acidic, deep, rich and well-drained soil.

FLOWERS and FRUITS

The **flowers** are large, creamy white and very fragrant. They bloom between **May and June** (though flowering may continue into the summer). The **fruits** are decorative woody cones which, when ripe, release red seeds.

USES

They are highly **ornamental** and provide **dense shade**.



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HAWTHORN BY LAVALLÉE

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Crataegus x lavalleyi "Carrierei"

FEATURES

It is a small ornamental tree, a **hybrid** between *Crataegus mexicana* and *Crataegus calpodendron* developed in the 19th century. It is a highly prized **ornamental** plant for its abundant flowers and decorative fruit. It has branches bearing sturdy thorns and ovate or lobed leaves.

FLOWERS and FRUITS

The **flowers** are abundant, white and clustered in very showy corymbs that attract pollinators.

The **fruits** are small, red berries, numerous and very decorative. They remain on the plant for a long time, often until winter.

USES

It has **great ornamental value** and is ideal for gardens and urban settings.



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HYBRID LIME TREE

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Tilia hybrida

FEATURES

The hybrid lime tree is a plant resulting from the **cross-breeding** of *Tilia* spp. of American origin.

They are very **large trees**, with a **broad crown** and **large deciduous leaves** that are often silvery underneath.

They are **highly cold-hardy** and adapt well to **urban environments**.

FLOWERS and FRUITS

The **plant flowers** between June and July; the flowers are small, grouped in small pendulous clusters, and are yellowish-white and very fragrant.

The fruits are small and spherical.

USES

The lime tree is used for **ornamental, landscaping and ecological purposes**. Its wood can be used in **craftwork**, whilst other uses include the production of lime blossom honey and soothing **herbal teas**.



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WHITE MULBERRY

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Morus alba

FEATURES

The white mulberry is a **large** tree native to **East Asia**. It is **long-lived**, **hardy** and fairly cold-tolerant. It has large, smooth, bright green **leaves**. It prefers full sun and rich, deep, well-drained soil.

FLOWER and FRUITS

The **flowers** are small and inconspicuous, clustered in green or greenish-white catkin-like inflorescences. The **fruits** are white, yellowish or pinkish; they are sweet but less tart than those of the black mulberry.

USES

It is essential for feeding the **silkworm**, which has traditionally been cultivated in rows across the countryside of northern Italy. The **fruits** are eaten fresh or dried.



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WHITE HORNBEAM

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Carpinus betulus

FEATURES

The white hornbeam has oval, serrated **leaves** with very prominent, symmetrical veins. The **bark** is grey, smooth when young and furrowed with fine lines as the tree ages.

It grows in mixed woodland on the plains and hillsides alongside oaks and ash trees.

FLOWERS and FRUITS

It flowers between April and May. The fruits are small winged seeds enclosed in three-lobed bracts.

USES

The **wood** is very hard and dense, and is used for tools, flooring and musical instruments. It is grown as an **ornamental** plant and, from an **ecological perspective**, provides a habitat for numerous pollinating insects and birds.



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WHITE WALNUT

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Juglans regia

FEATURES

The white walnut is the common walnut. It is a large **deciduous** tree native to **Central Asia**. The species is very **long-lived** and can grow to a height of 25–30 metres. The **trunk** is sturdy and the **bark** is silvery-grey, becoming deeply fissured with age.

FLOWERS and FRUITS

The plant produces male **flowers** (greenish in colour with pendulous catkins) and female flowers (small and clustered in panicle-shaped inflorescences) on the same plant.

The fruits are **nuts**, covered by a fleshy outer shell called the **tegument**, which changes from green to black as it ripens.

USES

Walnut **wood** is highly prized and the **nuts** are rich in nutrients.

This species is also grown for **ornamental** purposes.



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