Common Hedge Species ID Grid

Tree or shrub	Leaf pinnate	Leaflet pairs 2-3				**Elder**
		Leaflet pairs >4				**Ash**
	Leaf simple	Leaf edge smooth	Leaves opposite	Leaf <3cm wide	L. <x2 long/wide	**Garden Privet**
					L. >x2 long/wide	**Wild Privet**
				Leaf >3cm wide	5-7 prs. secondary veins	**Red-osier Dogwood**
					4-5 prs. secondary veins	**Dogwood**
			Leaves alternate			**Beech**
		Leaf deeply lobed	Leaves opposite	Leaf stalk channelled		**Guelder-rose**
				Leaf stalk round	Lobes acute	**Sycamore**
					Lobes obtuse	**Field Maple**
			Leaves alternate	Twigs thorny	Single stigma	**Hawthorn**
					Two stigmas	**Midland Hawthorn**
				Twigs unarmed		**Oak**
		Leaf toothed	Leaves opposite	Leaf base cordate		**Wayfaring-tree**
				Leaf base tapered		**Spindle**
				Secondary veins curving		**Buckthorn**
			Leaves alternate	Leaf spiny toothed		**Holly**
				Leaf base lop-sided	Leaf rough above	**Elm**
					Leaf smooth/shiny	**Lime**
				Spiny branches		**Blackthorn**
				Secondary veins straight into teeth		**Hazel**
				Secondary veins curving	Single bud scale	**Willow**
					>1 bud scale	**Apple**
Climber	Woody	Stem prickly	Leaves pinnate	Stout		**Dog-rose**
				Slender		**Field-rose**
			Leaves palmate			**Bramble**
		Stem smooth	Adventitious rootlets			**Common Ivy**
			Stem twining			**Honeysuckle**
	Herbaceous	Latex	Bracts overlap			**Large Bindweed**
			Bracts don't overlap			**Hedge Bindweed**
		No latex				**Black Bryony**

Always work progressively from left to right.

For each specimen select the best match from column A.

Then select the best match from column B within that parameter.

Continue the refining process until you reach the **species in bold.**



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