

Trees and Shrubs Native to Staffordshire

Most of these species are widely distributed and relatively common and will suit planting schemes on the soil types indicated. Species marked with an asterisk (*) are less common and should only be used with care.

All trees will coppice (re-grow) if cut near the ground and can therefore be kept small for use as shrubs or in hedges. Hedges may be laid between October and early spring to form a strong barrier. Holly should be laid later - in March - when care will be needed not to disturb nesting birds.

Clay or Limestone Soils (clay occurs in small pockets throughout the County, limestone is mainly in the extreme northwest)

Trees

Ash *Fraxinus excelsior*

Cherry, wild* *Prunus avium*

Elm, English* *Ulmus procera*

NB - this will survive as a shrub but is subject to attack from Dutch Elm which causes it to die back at intervals.

Maple, field *Acer campestre*

Oak, pedunculate *Quercus robur*

Shrubs

Apple, crab *Malus sylvestris sylvestris*

Blackthorn *Prunus spinosa*

Dogwood* *Cornus sanguinea*

Elder *Sambucus nigra*

Elm, wych *Ulmus glabra* As for English elm

Hazel *Corylus avellana*

Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*

Privet, wild* *Ligustrum vulgare*

Acidic Soils (usually sandy in Staffordshire)

Trees

Birch, silver	<i>Betula pendula</i>
Birch, downy	<i>Betula pubescens</i>
Oak, sessile	<i>Quercus petraea</i>
Rowan	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>

Shrubs

Apple, crab	<i>Malus sylvestris sylvestris</i>
Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
Elder	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>

Wet soils

Trees

Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
Alder buckthorn*	<i>Frangula alnus</i>
Aspen*	<i>Populus tremula</i>
Birch, downy	<i>Betula pubescens</i>
Cherry, bird*	<i>Prunus padus</i>
Willow, crack	<i>Salix fragilis</i>
Willow, goat	<i>Salix caprea</i>
Willow, osier	<i>Salix viminalis</i>