



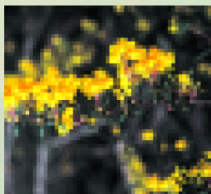
Defensive Planting

Crime Prevention Advice

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The concept of defensive planting is simple, but highly effective - providing an attractive natural defence. The varieties of very prickly plants below have each been chosen for their impenetrability. Plant them under vulnerable windows and allow to grow to sill height. You can also plant them around boundaries so that intruders would be unable to pass through or over the plants without injuring themselves. Most good garden centres should supply them and be able to advise on the best planting times.

BERBERIS STENOPHYLLA (BARBERRY)



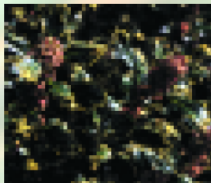
Growth: Medium sized shrub, arching habit, evergreen.
Flowers: Yellow in April/May, blue/black berries in Autumn.
Uses: Hedging or border shrub.
Spike Rating: Excellent foliage and stems, well armed with spines.
 (Other varieties of Berberis also available)

BERBERIS JULIANAE (BARBERRY)



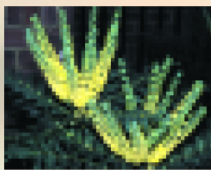
Growth: Medium sized evergreen shrub.
Flowers: Yellow in late Spring, young growth has coppery tints.
Uses: Hedging or border shrub.
Spike Rating: Excellent prickly foliage, very spiny stems.
 (Other varieties of Berberis also available)

ILEX AQUIFOLIUM 'FEROX ARGENTEA' (HEDGEHOG HOLLY)



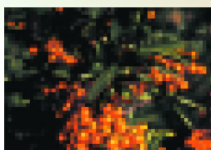
Growth: Medium/tall sized shrub, evergreen, male plants - no berries
Flowers: Not a prominent feature but interesting colourful foliage.
Uses: Hedging or border shrub.
Spike Rating: Very good, tightly packed spines on sides and top of leaves.
 (Other varieties of holly also available)

MAHONIA MEDIA 'WINTER SUN'



Growth: Medium sized shrub, attractive evergreen leaves.
Flowers: Erect racemes of scented yellow flowers in winter.
Uses: Border shrub.
Spike Rating: Good, spiny edged foliage.
 (Other varieties of Mahonia also available)

PYRACANTHA ORANGE GLOW (FIRETHORN)



Growth: Medium/large evergreen shrub.
Flowers: White in early summer followed by orange autumn berries.
Uses: Hedging, border or wall shrub.
Spike Rating: Excellent very spiny stems.
 (Other varieties of Pyracantha also available)

CHAENOMELES X SUPERBA 'CRIMSON AND GOLD (JAPONICA)



Growth: Medium size spreading shrub.
Flowers: Cup shaped red petals with golden stamens, quince fruits.
Uses: Hedging, border or wall shrub.
Spike Rating: Very good, well spined stems.
 (Other varieties of Chaenomeles also available)

More Defensive Plants

Shrub: RUBUS THIBETANUS - Comments: White stemmed Bramble, fern like silvery leaves, pink flowers, clumps of attractive white stems.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓

Shrub: PYRACANTHA various varieties - Comments: Firethorn, can be kept neat by pruning.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Shrub: BERBERIS VERRUCULOSA - Comments: Compact, slow growing shiny green leaves with white undersides, yellow flowers.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Shrub: BERBERIS DARWINII - Comments: Bright orange flowers with red tints. A fine flowering shrub.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Shrub: BERBERIS BUXIFOLIA - Comments: Orange - yellow flowers, purple grape-like berries.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Shrub: CHANOMELES various varieties - Comments: The Japonica or Japanese Quince, saucer-shaped spring flowers can be kept neat by regular pruning.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

Shrub: HIPPOPHAE RHAMNOIDES - Comments: Sea Buckhorn, white flowers orange berries. Makes a tough hedge.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

Shrub: ROSA RUGOSA - Comments: Rhamanas Rose, dense prickly stems. Excellent hedging plant.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

Shrub: CRATAEGUS MONOGYNA - Comments: Common Hawthorn, May or Quickthorn. Makes a superb, wildlife friendly hedge.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

Shrub: ULEX EUROPAEUS PLENA - Comments: Double flowered Gorse, very prickly. Makes a tough hedge.

Flowers	Fruits/Berries	Suitable for walls/fences	Height above 2 metres	Height below 2 metres	Evergreen	Suitable for hedging	OK in partial shade
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓