



Boxwood Alternatives



Thuja 'Linesville'

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Linesville Arborvitae

Size: 3' H x 3' W

Exposure: Sun

A dwarf mounded form of arborvitae with sage green foliage. Keeps shape without pruning. Requires well drained soil but will tolerate a range on sun exposure.



Thuja 'Mr. Bowling Ball'

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Mr. Bowling Ball Arborvitae

Size: 3' H x 3' W

Exposure: Sun

Dense and finely textured sage-green foliage that forms a perfect compact ball that requires no pruning. Requires well drained soil.



Thuja 'Fire Chief'

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Fire Chief Arborvitae

Size: 4' H x 4' W

Exposure: Sun

This globe arborvitae never needs trimming, it will grow into a perfect ball. The foliage is intensely red during the fall/winter months and dark green in the spring/summer. Excellent foundation plant.



Thuja 'Little Giant'

E

Little Giant Arborvitae

Size: 5' H x 5' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Sun

A dwarf mounded form of arborvitae with sage green foliage. Keeps shape without pruning.



Thuja 'Hetz Midget'

E

Hetz Midget Arborvitae

Size: 3-4' H x 3-4' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Sun

A nice green compact globe with lace-like sprays of foliage. This is quite slow growing, about 1" per year, and is an ideal choice for the Japanese, rock or dwarf conifer garden.



Thuja 'Tom Thumb'

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Tom Thumb Arborvitae

Size: 2-3' H x 2-3' W

Exposure: Sun

It is a dense, multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a neat globular habit that features rich green foliage that requires no pruning to maintain its rounded shape.



Thuja 'Woodwardii'

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Woodward Arborvitae

Size: 4-6' H x 6-8' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Sun

Dark green foliage that remains in a globe shape without pruning. An adaptable evergreen used for foundation plantings, hedges, and borders.



Taxus 'Densiformis'

E

Dense Yew

Size: 3-4' H x 3-4' W

Exposure: Sun/Shade

A dense, mounded form of taxus. Great for foundation plantings or masses. Can be trimmed into hedges and can handle shade. Not deer resistant.



Taxus 'Everlow'

E

Everlow Yew

Size: 1-1.5' H x 4-5' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Shade

Very low growing yew. Dwarf, low growing, spreading, evergreen shrub. Can be trimmed. Not deer resistant.



Ilex glabra 'Strongbox'

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Size: 2-3' H x 2-3' W

Strongbox Inkberry

Exposure: Sun/Pt Shade

This evergreen naturally grows as a broadly rounded mound and keeps its leaves all the way to the ground for a lush, dense look.



Ilex glabra 'Compacta'

E

Compact Inkberry

Size: 4-6' H x 4-6' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Sun

A dense, dwarf holly with glossy green foliage on a broad pyramidal plant. Makes an excellent hedge or border plant.



Ilex glabra 'Gem Box'

E

Gem Box Inkberry

Size: 2-3' H x 2-3' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Sun

A dense, ball-shaped plant, 'Gem Box' has small, dainty, dark green leaves with red tips during spring. It works great as a small evergreen hedge.



Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'

E

Shamrock Inkberry

Size: 5' H x 5' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Sun

New foliage is a glistening bright green color. Grows in a compact habit. Hedge or border plant.



Aronia 'Low Scape Mound'

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Low Scape Mound Chokeberry

Size: 1-2' H x 1.5-2' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Shade

A tough, tidy little mound of glossy green foliage. Covered in hundreds of dainty white flowers spring, brilliant red leaves in autumn.



Itea 'Henry's Garnet'

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Henry's Garnet Virginia Sweetspire

Size: 4-6' H x 4-6' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Shade

A compact woody plant that has abundant 6-inch-long white flowers in late spring. Reddish-purple fall color. Performs best in moist soils in sun to part shade.



Cephalotaxus harringtonia

E

Japanese Plum Yew

Size: 10' H x 6-8' W

Exposure: Sun/Shade

Black-green needles that are up to 2 inches long grace this slower-growing shrub. It can be turned into hedges, and it is deer resistant!



Thujopsis dolabrata 'Nana'

E

Dwarf Elkhorn Cypress

Size: 3' H x 4' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Shade

A dwarf selection of Japanese hiba cedar. Sports a tidy globose habit and deep green color. Great for foundation plantings.



Azalea 'Karen'

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Karen Azalea

Size: 2-4' H x 2-4' W

Exposure: Pt Shade/Shade

An unusually hardy and highly reliable evergreen shrub with rich lavender purple flowers. Foliage becomes burgundy in the fall.



Ilex 'Sky Pencil'

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Sky Pencil Holly

Size: 8-9' H x 2-4' W

Exposure: Sun/Pt Shade

This dense, narrow, upright variety works great for those hard to fill vertical locations. It has nice dark green leaves and a reasonable growth rate of about 8 to 9 feet in ten years.



Thuja 'Emerald Petite'

E

Emerald Petite Arborvitae

Size: 5.5-6' H x 18-24" W

Exposure: Sun

Same emerald color, lacy texture, and dense upright form as an 'Emerald Green,' just miniature. Its smaller size makes it usable for a narrow hedge, accent in small spaces, or container centerpiece.