

Plants Available for Order in the 2021-22 Season

Planting Native Plants (PNP) under Transition Southampton (TS) **A not-for-profit initiative**

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1. What is the 'Season'

- a. The 'season' is usually defined when suppliers start taking orders for bare root plants in Year 1 (usually from late August) to when they cease lifting bare root plants to meet those orders in Year 2 (usually around March).
- b. So, the 2021-22 Season is, approx – August 2021 to March 2022.

2. Which Plants are Available this Season?

- a. As this is the inaugural season of PNP under TS, a limited number of plants – shrubs and trees only – are being offered to see how the scheme works in its' first year under TS.
- b. On the basis of 'a.' above there will be no herbaceous plants available for order this time. These are far more delicate and may be considered in later years if the current scheme is a success.
- c. Only the following ten species – in no particular order – will be available in the 2021-22 (ie this) season:-

	Common Name	Scientific Name
1.	Common Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>
2.	Common Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>
3.	Common Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
4.	Guelder Rose	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>
5.	Wayfaring Tree	<i>Viburnum lantana</i>
6.	Common Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
7.	Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>
8.	Common Spindle	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>
9.	Dog Rose	<i>Rosa canina</i>
10.	Field Rose	<i>Rosa arvensis</i>

3. What can you tell me about These Plants and are they Suitable for Me?

- a. It is solely your responsibility to determine the appropriateness of any particular species for your circumstances.

- b. **All of the above species are native to Britain** and it is the native variant that is on offer – not a cultivar.
- c. There is a huge amount of information about each of these species on the Internet. A good starting point is this:-

Woodland Trust

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

The individual Wikipedia entries for each species are also pretty good.

- d. All of the above species currently grow readily at sites in and around Soton.

*This is **not to say** that all species prefer the same conditions or that all species will grow in your conditions. It is your responsibility to determine suitability.*

- e. For info, there are many gardens in and around Soton that have six or more of these species growing within them.

They also grow very well in a range of sites in the broader Hampshire area and beyond.

- f. All of the above species could be grown as stand-alone tree/shrub specimens or in hedges or other clumps.

- g. One question always asked is “*How big do they get?*”

Plant height information is widely available on the Internet – including in the links referred to above.

At one level, it depends on how big you let them get and what you do!

For example, Common Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) can be grown as a managed 1m high hedge or left to grow into a stately tree that can reach 40-50m (although not in our lifetimes!).

So, after 10 years the maintained Beech hedge would still be, well, 1m and the singleton Beech tree could be 4m+. It all depends on what you do (or what you don't do).

All of the above species lend themselves to some relatively easy height management – eg pollarding or coppicing or hedging or just ‘cutting’ – this is why they were chosen to start the PNP project under TS in the first instance.

- h. For info:-

- i. The beautiful Geulder Rose (is not a rose).
- ii. Both the Dog Rose (in particular) and the Field Rose are hard to grow as ‘show’ roses. They are vigorous (esp the Dog Rose). They are best grown as hedging or as ramblers and climbers. If allowed to grow up through existing trees and shrubs they can look spectacular.