

Photinia - Growing Guide

Growing Photinia

(*syn. Stransvaesia*)

The Photinia species and varieties which we grow and offer on the website are very different. Some are small deciduous trees, while most of the others are sturdy evergreen trees with large leathery leaves. The genus is allied to Crataegus and the flowers are quite similar. The colour of the new growth on the evergreen species and varieties rivals Pieris' new growth as a spectacle.

Evergreen species are lime tolerant but, in most cases, seldom set seed. The deciduous species are most easily propagated from seed while the evergreens are easiest from semi ripe new growth cuttings in summer. All the species which we grow are perfectly hardy.

1. Deciduous species

P. beauverdiana var. *notabilis* is a graceful tree with trailing branches and a very desirable small woodland garden tree growing to around 15-20ft. It is covered with hawthorn like flowers in large pendant corymbs in May and June and is then covered in autumn with red fruits and good yellowish autumn colour.



Photinia beauverdiana



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P. beauverdiana var
notabilis



P. villosa var. *coreana*



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Photinia villosa



Photinia villosa var. *laevis*



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Photinia villosa var. *zollingeri*



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2. Evergreen species

P. davidiana 'Palette' is a slow growing shrub to about 15ft with reddish new growth turning to mottled and striped creamy-white on mainly green leaves. You will often find twigs and branches reverting to plain green leaves and these should be cut out and removed. This variety does sometimes produce decent clusters of bright red fruits.



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Photinia x fraseri
atropurpurea 'Nana'



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P. x fraseri 'Red Robin' is an ever popular foliage plant which has a fairly compact and upright habit and bright red new growth fading to bronze. It has small white flowers in panicles in March or April but no fruits. This plant, if left unpruned, will make a fairly dull small 15-20ft tall spreading tree. If pruned as a tallish hedge, or is simply chopped back from time to time, the new growth will be more prolific.



Photinia x fraseri 'Red Robin'



Photinia serratifolia



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Photinia serratifolia 'Crispy Pink'



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Photinia x fraseri 'Louise'

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