Our speciality is the environmentally sustainable production of premium quality advanced landscaping trees and screens.
So there’s that outdoor area that needs privacy from neighbours; the desire to accentuate the curve of a driveway, the framing of a pool; the blocking of an ugly fence line or high-rise apartment block next door. There are many reasons why we choose to define spaces and screen off areas. Is a clipped structure required; a selection that is in-leaf all year round or do you prefer something offering seasonal variation? Do you want to see through foliage or must the trees remain visually impenetrable? With so many questions it is a good idea to talk to specialists who can give you the clarity to make the right choice.

**SCREENS**

With screens we can use a larger palette of selections which add personality to your space. These full specimens branch all the way to the ground with foliage that is tightly packed or soft and open – the choice of which will probably depend on what sits behind the screen and where it is located in relation to your neighbours’ yard and your line of sight. There are many selections to consider including colour and flowering options for different times of the year.

**SKINNY**

- *Pyrus calleryana 'Capital'*
  - **Height:** 11–12m
  - **Width:** 1–3m

- *Banksia integrifolia fastigiata 'Sentinel'*
  - **Height:** 2.5m
  - **Width:** 1m

- *Liriodendren tulipfera fastigiata*
  - **Height:** 13m
  - **Width:** 3m

- *Betula pendula fastigiata*
  - **Height:** 8–10m
  - **Width:** 2–4m

**MODERATE**

- *Banksia integrifolia*
  - **Height:** 15m
  - **Width:** 6m

- *Magnolia grandiflora ‘Little Gem’*
  - **Height:** 16m
  - **Width:** 3m

- *Hakea salisifolia*
  - **Height:** 5m
  - **Width:** 4m

- *Tristanipppsis laurina 'DOW10 Luscious’*
  - **Height:** 7–8m
  - **Width:** 4–5m

**BROAD**

- *Magnolia grandiflora*
  - **Height:** 25m
  - **Width:** 10m

- *Leptospermum petersonii*
  - **Height:** 5m
  - **Width:** 3m

- *Hakea laurina*
  - **Height:** 5m
  - **Width:** 4m

- *Lophostemen confertus*
  - **Height:** 15m
  - **Width:** 10m
Do you need a screen or hedge?

While both a screen and a hedge is planted with an overriding purpose, generally speaking a hedge is a solid structure clipped to shape. Hedges often have a sharp edge, or in the very least, a defined line to their form. To keep tidy hedges demand a certain level of attention. Suitable selections have tight foliage with smallish leaves to give the structure density.

A screen on the other hand is usually a row of trees that are planted to shelter, protect or conceal something. As such they are usually taller, with foliage that may or may not totally deprive the eye of what’s behind it. Screens tend to be open and free flowing and not necessarily as dense as a hedge. They are not clipped to a tight shape, but allowed to move and sway depending on their own natural structural characteristics.

Your need to screen or hedge will depend on what you are trying to do.

HEDGES

Low to medium hedges make great dividers of space. From 30cm to 8 metres tall, trees are planted close together to block view or to form a solid line. They can enclose pockets of garden for a special purpose or train the eye to go in a certain direction. Speciality Trees have a number of species suitable for defining areas based on the height you need your hedge to be. Because they are clipped, these selections are primarily traditional but there are a number of newer lines worth considering for this purpose.

Syzygium australe ‘AATS Pinnacle’
HEIGHT: 3–4m WIDTH: 1.5m

Thuja occidentalis ‘Smaragd’
HEIGHT: 3–4m WIDTH: 1–2m

Juniperus chinensis ‘Spartan’
HEIGHT: 9m WIDTH: 3m

Cupressus sempervirens ‘Glaucia’
HEIGHT: 15m WIDTH: 1m

Thuja plicata fastigiata
HEIGHT: 4–6m WIDTH: 1.5m

Syzygium australe ‘Hinterland Gold’
HEIGHT: 6m WIDTH: 3m

Syzygium australe ‘Opal Maze’
HEIGHT: 3m WIDTH: 1.2m

Acmena smithii ‘BWNFIR Firescreen’
HEIGHT: 4–6m WIDTH: 3–4m

Pittosporum tenuifolium ‘Silver Sheen’
HEIGHT: 4–5m WIDTH: 3m

Ficus hillii ‘Flash’
HEIGHT: 10m WIDTH: 3m

Waterhousea floribunda ‘Whisper’
HEIGHT: 12m WIDTH: 8m

Prunus lusitanica
HEIGHT: 5m WIDTH: 3m

Photinia robusta
HEIGHT: 4–5m WIDTH: 3–4m

Syzygium australe
HEIGHT: 8m WIDTH: 6m

Viburnum tinus
HEIGHT: 3m WIDTH: 2m

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OUR BUSINESS

Speciality Trees is a wholesale production nursery specialising in the environmentally sustainable production of premium quality tree material from 30cm to 300 litres. Located on 41 acres across multiple sites, we have a 36 year reputation for supply into large and small projects in collaborative consultation with landscapers, developers, designers & councils.

The company prides itself in producing superior material, focusing on the optimum development of a trees structure and root ball to ensure the best possible results post planting. NIASA accredited and EcoHort® certified, material is produced with the highest respect to environmental standards.

OUR PEOPLE

The strength of the business is as good as the people within it & we are blessed with a team of highly skilled and articulate individuals all with a passion to grow the best trees and service the customer.

EXPERIENCE

With a strong service culture, Speciality Trees offer extended horticultural assistance and expertise to our key customers in the sourcing and selection of suitable project material across all sizes as well as site consultation and provenance specific contract growing. Employing 18 staff members, we boast a unique blend of business and horticultural backgrounds and experience. We are proudly involved in a number of associations, technical committees and industry forums.

VISIT US

Visits are always welcome and encouraged to view our quality stock and to discuss your needs in more detail. Our office hours are 8am-4pm Monday to Friday and by appointment on Saturday morning. Visits after hours can also be arranged by contacting the office on 03 9796 8308.