Taxaceae Taxus

**Taxus baccata 'Fastigiata'
Irish Yew**

### Height
5 - 10 m

### Crown
column-shaped, later broader, dark, dense crown

### Bark and branches
bark thin and brownish red, flaking, deep grooves

### Leaf
needles, arranged in spiral shape, dark green, 1.5 - 3 cm, evergreen

### Flowers
unremarkable, green, female clone

### Fruits
brownish black seeds, covered 4/5 with a fleshy, red case

### Spines/thorns
none

### Toxicity
toxic components

### Soil type
sandy, loamy soil, well-permeable

### Paving
tolerates no paving

### Winter hardiness
6b (-20.5 to -17.8 °C)

### Wind resistance
good

### Wind / frost / salt
resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)

### Light requirement
suitable for shadow

### Fauna tree
valuable for bees (honey plant), provides food for birds

### Application
parks, tree containers, theme parks, cemeteries, roof gardens, industrial areas, large gardens, patio gardens

### Type/shape
specimen conifer

### Origin
Ireland, 1780

A column-shaped growing Taxus that remains narrow when young but later grows broader. The branches grow straight upwards at first, later bending somewhat. Short, squat lateral branches grow on the vertical branches. It is a slow grower that develops a dense, closed crown. Height 5 - 10 m, width 1.5 – 2.5 (5) m. Young twigs are green. The needles are arranged in a spiral and are very dark green. This female clone does not have very remarkable flowers. The fruit, on the other hand, is. Seeds are covered 4/5 by an oval, fleshy, red case that is 0.6 – 0.7 cm long. 'Fastigiata' bears profuse fruit. The cultivar 'Fastigiata Robusta' remains significantly narrower and has darker green needles. 'Fastigiata Aurea' takes on a column shape with yellowish green needles.