

# Black alder 'Imperialis'

*Alnus glutinosa* 'Imperialis' Also known as: **European alder 'Imperialis', Common alder 'Imperialis', Aller 'Imperialis'**

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This description is for species **Black alder** (*Alnus glutinosa*):

*Alnus glutinosa*, black alder or common alder will grow up to 30m in height and grows best in moist soil. It has slightly triangular rounded leaves with a shallow toothed edge that grow on short stems that are glossy and a dark green colour. It keeps its green colouring longer than most other trees that change colour in the autumn. It has red catkins that grow up to about 10cm in length. As it grows in moist conditions, the wood from this tree is very durable under water and so it's often used for building foundations. It's a flexible and light wood so it's used a lot for everything from the manufacture of pencils to cabinet making. It's also commonly used for smoking fish.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Flowers & bulbs Wild flowers
<b>Height [m]</b> 15	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z3-7	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage
<b>Spread [m]</b> 8	<b>Heat zone</b> H7-1	<b>Creative category</b> For Beginners Bonsai Pond plants Neighbour repellent Author's choice

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<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Purple	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -40 - -12	<b>Garden type</b> Park Coastal Pond Wildlife gardens Meadows
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 90	<b>Garden spaces</b> Hedges and screens
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Mid winter Late winter Early winter	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 30 years or longer
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Awards?</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed budding Hardwood cuttings		
<b>Growth habit</b> Conical		