

Black alder

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

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

This tree's used to make pencils, cabinets, and even smoke fish - alternatively you could just use it as a tree

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
<p>Known dangers? no</p>	<p>Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline</p>	<p>Standard category Flowers & bulbs Wild flowers</p>

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Height [m] 25	Hardiness zone Z3-7	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Spread [m] 10	Heat zone H7-1	Creative category For Beginners Bonsai Pond plants Neighbour repellent
Dominant flower colour Yellow	Winter temperatures [°C] -40 - -12	Garden type Park Coastal Pond Wildlife gardens Meadows
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 90	Garden spaces Hedges and screens
Flowering seasons Late winter Early spring	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Green	Soil type Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size 30 years or longer
Foliage in summer Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Propagation methods seed budding Hardwood cuttings	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Growth habit Broadly conical		