

# Boxleaf honeysuckle

*Lonicera nitida* Also known as: **Wilson's honeysuckle**

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This description is for **Boxleaf honeysuckle** (*Lonicera nitida*):

## The boxleaf honeysuckle can't be boxed but needs to be contained

*Lonicera nitida* or Wilson's honeysuckle is a type of honeysuckle native to China. It's a broadleaf evergreen shrub with creamy white flowers that have a lovely sweet fragrance. It also produces purple berries. Don't eat them, they're not edible. This species needs a bit of tending to; you'll need to keep it well clipped as it can fall over if it gets too tall. It will grow well as a hedge though and can be clipped into shapes. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert used this species to create several animal shaped bushes in their Isle of Wight holiday home.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Shrubs
<b>Height [m]</b> 3.5	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z5-8	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 3.5	<b>Heat zone</b> H9-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Bonsai Neighbour repellent For every season
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> White	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -29 - -7	<b>Garden type</b> Cottage garden Coastal
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 150	<b>Garden spaces</b> Banks and slopes Ground cover Hedges and screens
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Late spring Early summer	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 20 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed		
<b>Growth habit</b> Arching Spreading		