

Hedges and topary webinar – Publications, Links and Chat table

Contributor	Topic	Digital Source/Publication/Comment
Joakim Seiler	Hedge management	<i>Management regimes for lawns and hedges in historic gardens</i> https://gupea.ub.gu.se/handle/2077/62813
Joakim Seiler	Tools	The name of the garden in Stockholm where they used hedge slashers until the 1980s is Ulriksdal. The name of the French company is Magne: https://www.magne-ardennes.fr/#nosproduits
Jenny Nilsson	Tools	Other useful brands: ARS, Niwaki, Okatsune
Neil Munro	Tools	I worked with a farmer in 1997 in the UK who used the hedge slasher (also called a hedge bill) to prune high hedges.
Claire Nash	Tools	Farmers in UK still flail hedges in a manner similar to slashing and the hedges generate swiftly... mostly.
Nic Craven	Tools	Perhaps using a slasher leaves more deadwood habitat or material for nature.
Beverly Law	Tools	The rough finish of early hedge trimming is reminiscent of animal grazing and it reminded me of a recent webinar I saw about the rewilding at Knepp Castle in the UK where the shrubs and hedges in the 'garden' (rather than the wilder areas where the animals roam) is very roughly cut into to mimic animal grazing. I think the hedges would have been healthier and thicker with the older hedge cutting practice.
Nigel	Tools	I agree Beverly, our cutting of hedges copies animal grazing/browsing scrub . Indeed the shrub response is conditioned by millions of years of browsing. Interestingly too much grazing (high numbers of herbivores) would result in the destruction of the shrubs just like too much cutting of native shrubs in a hedge can result in their decline.
Kate Nicoll	Box tree caterpillar	Has the caterpillar reached all of Europe and Scandinavia? <i>Cydalima perspectalis</i>
Nora Lundqvist	Box tree caterpillar	Check Artdatabanken: https://www.artdatabanken.se/ Found outside Stockholm on large box trees
Chris Poole, EBTS UK	Box pruning	Box clipping should be done when it is dry, but not bright sun light as this will burn the leaves.
Jenny Nilsson	Tool cleaning	German option to Crean Mate abrasive rubber block is Schleiffix made by Klingspor. Another UK option to Crean Mate is Garryflex
Jenny Nilsson:	Box tree caterpillar control	Bacillus thuringiensis products can have different names in different countries. Dipel in UK
Chris Poole, EBTS UK:	Box Blight resistant varieties	BetterBuxus supplied by Herplants Belgium https://betterbuxus.com/?lang=en
Jenny Nilsson:	Box alternatives	This guy in Denmark is big on Ericaceous plants like heather and lingonberry: http://www.lyngplanter.dk/
Tijana Blanusa	Biodiversity in urban hedges	<i>Urban hedges: A review of plant species and cultivars for ecosystem service delivery in north-west Europe</i> https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1618866718306848