

Species	Tolerance to hard pruning	Optimum time to prune	Notes
<b>Deciduous trees</b>			
Acacia	Fair	Spring (late)	Living wood most obvious, dead can be easily identified
Ailanthus	Fair	Spring (late) to summer	
Alder	Fair	Spring (late) to summer	
Apple	Good	Winter (mid)	Prune every year for fruit production
Ash	Fair	Spring (late) to summer	
Beech	Poor	Spring (late) to summer	
Birch	Poor	Summer or winter (mid)	Prone to bleeding
Cherry (& other Prunus sp. e.g. Almond, Apricot, Peach, Plum)	Fair	Summer	Prone to drought, frost damage
Elm	Good	Spring (late) to summer	
Eucalyptus	Poor	Spring (late) to summer	
Hornbeam	Poor	Spring (late) to summer	
Horse Chestnut	Good	Spring (late) to summer	Avoid if possible as regrowth is weak and heartwood is quick to decay
Lime	Good	Spring (late) to	

		<b>summer</b>	
<b>Magnolia</b>	Fair	<b>Summer (mid)</b>	Reduces bleeding and allows time for healing to begin
<b>Maples (inc Sycamore)</b>	Fair	<b>Summer or winter (mid)</b>	Prone to bleeding (Field maple less susceptible)
<b>Mulberry</b>	Good	<b>Winter (mid)</b>	
<b>Oak</b>	Good	<b>Spring (late) to summer</b>	
<b>Plane</b>	Good	<b>Spring (late) to summer</b>	
<b>Poplar</b>	Good	<b>Winter (mid)</b>	Prone to bleeding
<b>Robinia</b>	Good	<b>Summer (mid to late)</b>	Prone to bleeding
<b>Rowan</b>	Fair	<b>Spring (late) to summer</b>	
<b>Walnut</b>	Poor	<b>Summer or winter (mid)</b>	Prone to bleeding
<b>Whitebeam</b>	Poor	<b>Spring (late) to summer</b>	
<b>Willow</b>	Good	<b>Spring (late) to summer</b>	
<b>Evergreen trees</b>			
<b>Cedars</b>	Poor	<b>Winter (mid to late)</b>	Avoid any pruning if possible. Shoots will not grow from old wood – therefore prune lightly.
<b>Cypresses</b>	Poor	<b>Spring (late) to summer (early)</b>	Shoots will not grow from old wood – therefore prune lightly

<b>Firs</b>	Poor	<b>Summer (late) or winter (late)</b>	Avoid any pruning if possible. Shoots will not grow from old wood – therefore prune lightly
<b>Hemlock</b>	Fair	<b>Summer (late) or winter (late)</b>	
<b>Holly</b>	Fair	<b>Winter (mid to late)</b>	
<b>Holm oak</b>	Poor	<b>Winter (mid to late)</b>	
<b>Pines</b>	Poor	<b>Spring (late)</b>	Avoid any pruning if possible as buds only at shoot tips. Newest growth can be removed during the spring
<b>Spruce</b>	Poor	<b>Summer (late) or winter (late)</b>	Shoots will not grow from old wood – therefore prune lightly
<b>Western red cedar</b>	Fair	<b>Winter (mid to late)</b>	
<b>Yew</b>	Fair	<b>Summer (late) or winter (late)</b>	