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Buxus sempervirens 'Suffruticosa'

DWARF BOX is a shrub.

It is also known as Dutch box, Edging box, *Kantbuxbom* (Swedish), and *Reunuspüksipuu* (Finnish).

Sempervirens is made up of Latin *semper* (always) and *vivo* (to live, be alive) components meaning 'evergreen'. *Suffruticosa* means 'somewhat shrubby'.

This dwarf variety (which is believed to have been familiar in Europe for over 300 years) is commonly seen today (as in bygone times) as low, clipped, evergreen hedging – a practice which is said to date back to Roman times, when it is believed to have been started by a friend of Julius Caesar (102 or 100-44 BC).