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www.gardenersworld.com**Darlac****TELESCOPIC RATCHET ANVIL LOPPERS****£29.95**

9/10 A popular choice, being strong and efficient on larger branches, and reasonably priced.



All of the team could cut much larger branches than expected with these loppers. The maximum cut recommended is

45mm (1¾in). There are five ratchets and the strong handles give good leverage. The handles are telescopic, so they can be extended from 66cm (2¼ft) to 1m (3½ft). The push-button lock is easy to use and secures the handles at five different lengths. At nearly 1.6kg, Sandie found the loppers quite heavy. Paul, our tallest tester, found them very useful as he was able to reach high up into the trees, and he found the hook on the end of the anvil blade was good for steadying the loppers.

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LOPPERS

Loppers are essential tools for keeping your garden in check. We've tested a selection to find out which model gets our seal of approval

**OUR CHOICE**

Bahco
BASIC BYPASS
LOPPERS
£28.99

6/10 A good choice for overgrown rose bushes, as they are very easy to use in tight spaces.

Wilkinson
Sword
LARGE POWERBEAR
ANVIL LOPPERS
£34.99

8/10 These are sharp smooth-action loppers that are very easy to use.

Gardena
BYPASS PRUNING
LOPPERS WITH BEAR
TRANSMISSION
£74.99

5/10 A strong pair of loppers, but on the expensive side.

Garden Angels
BASIC ANVIL LOPPERS
£12.99

5/10 Efficient for cutting small branches, but we expected a smaller pair to be more lightweight.

Wolf
PROFESSIONAL ANVIL
LOPPERS WITH
VARIABLE LEVERAGE
£54.99

7/10 A mixed reaction to a large, powerful pair of loppers. A useful tool to have.

CK Tools
LARGE POWER
LOPPERS
£83.99

8/10 The number of ratchets takes a lot of the strain out of pruning.

Spear & Jackson
RAZORSHARP
TELESCOPIC RATCHET
BYPASS LOPPERS
£36.99

7/10 As telescopic loppers, we would have liked them to be a bit longer.

Felco
TWO-HANDED
BYPASS PRUNERS
£74.95

6/10 The price was the deciding factor here. A handy pair to have for small, awkward jobs.