



Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck Purple'



Height	20 - 25 m
Width	4-5m
Crown	columnar, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	smooth, grey bark, soft
Leaf	oval to ovate, dark purplish brown, 4 - 10 cm long
Flowers	small, inconspicuous flower catkins, May
Fruits	nuts, in cupules covered with brushy spines, 1 - 2 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	well drained, humic soil, not too wet
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree
Origin	Trompenburg Arboretum, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 1973

Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck Purple' is a crossing between F. sylvatica 'Dawyck' and a red-leaved beech. It has a narrow, columnar crown and can attain a height of 25 m and a spread of 3 m. The oval to ovate leaves are deep purplish and 4 - 10 cm. As this cultivar is grafted, it retains its colour and habit well. Inflorescence is inconspicuous. In autumn the small nuts appear. Solitary preferring a well-drained, not too wet soil that is rich in humus content. Moderate wind resistance. Winter hardiness zone: 5b