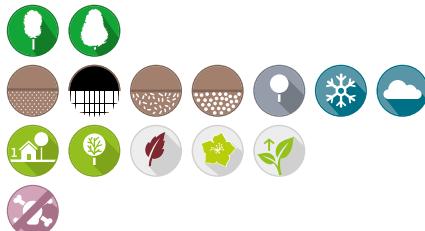




## Fagus sylvatica 'Riversii'



<b>Height</b>	25 - 30 m
<b>Width</b>	10-15m
<b>Crown</b>	round, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	smooth, grey bark, soft
<b>Leaf</b>	ovate, glossy black-brown, 4 - 12 cm long
<b>Flowers</b>	small, inconspicuous flower catkins, May
<b>Fruits</b>	nuts, in cupules covered with brushy spines, 1 - 2 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	well drained, humic soil, not too wet
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardness zone</b>	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, feathered tree
<b>Origin</b>	Thomas Rivers, England, circa 1870

The cultivar 'Riversii' is a slow growing tree with a round semi-transparent crown and a height of 25 - 30 m and a spread of 10 - 15 m. The oval to ovate leaves are larger than of the species. They can become circa 12 cm. Most striking feature of the 'Riversii' is the glossy, deep black-brown leaf. The leaf retains its colour well into autumn and is much more colour-retentive than the 'Purpurea'. The tree is used in parks and avenues. It prefers a calcareous, moisture-retentive but well-drained soil, rich in humus content. The tree is intolerant to hard surfacing and high water tables. Winter hardness zone: 5b