



Fagus sylvatica 'Riversii'



Height	25 - 30 m
Width	10-15m
Crown	round, half-open crown
Bark and branches	smooth, grey bark, soft
Leaf	ovate, glossy black-brown, 4 - 12 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
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree
Origin	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 hardiness zone: 5b