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## **Quercus robur 'Menhir'**



Height	4 - 5 m, slow growing
Width	1-2m
Crown	columnar to narrow pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs reddish brown, bark dark grey, deeply grooved
Leaf	obovate, lobed, dark green, 5 - 14 cm
Flowers	green-yellow catkins, 2 - 4 cm, May
Fruits	ovate to oval, 1.5 - 2.5 cm, in groups of 2 - 6, cupule with triangular contiguous scales
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile and moist
Soil moisture	suitable for wet soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt, valuable for butterflies
Application	narrow streets, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Bömer Tree Nursery, Zundert, the Netherlands, before 2004

A striking, small tree which can best be described as a 'dwarf' version of 'Fastigiata'. Grows significantly more slowly than the species and remains smaller. It is naturally a columnar shrub of around 2 m, but if it is grafted onto a standard, it can grow into a 4 to 5 m tall tree. The branches grow straight up forming a closed columnar shape which later becomes narrow pyramidal. The bark, twigs, leaves, blossom and fruit are like the species. Its modest size and good crown shape make 'Menhir' very suitable for narrow streets and small gardens.