



Fagus sylvatica 'Purple Fountain'



Height	8 - 12 m
Width	3-5m
Crown	narrow, weeping, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	smooth, grey bark, soft
Leaf	oval to ovate, reddish brown, 4 - 9 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)
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree
Origin	H.J. Grootendorst, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1976

Fagus sylvatica 'Purple Fountain' is a narrow upright tree with a central leader and a height of circa 12 m. The limbs droop down loosely and the spread is circa 2.5 m. The oval to ovate leaves are red brown and 4 - 9 cm. 'Purple Fountain' has a smaller leaf than 'Black Swan' and the colour of the leaf is less dark than 'Purpurea Pendula' and 'Black Swan'. The leaf on the young shoots is strikingly red. The tree is used as a specimen tree and due to its narrow shape extremely suitable for smaller gardens. 'Purple Fountain' grows well in a calcareous soil that is moisture-retentive and well-drained. Winter hardiness zone: 5b