Fagus sylvatica 'Asplenifolia'

(Cut leaves beech)

European beech is magnificent spreading deciduous tree is best known for its smooth silver-gray bark. It has a glossy elliptic bright green leaf which turned yellow or copper color in the fall. Inconspicuous flowers in spring are followed by small bristly capsules in late summer and fall. The tree is very tough and reliable. Grows very slow and can live for hundreds of years. Prefers sun or partial sun, established trees tolerate some drought. The large form of this tree ideal for park trees and for specimens. Hedge can be created with heavy pruning.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Hêtre, fayard

Pronounciation: FAY-gus sill-VAT-ih-kuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Europe

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8

Uses: Screen, Specimen, Shade

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow
Tree Shape: Spreading
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: Over 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: More than 50 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistance: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Parted, Incised **Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally

resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk
Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Nut

Fruit Showiness: True
Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes
Heat Tolerant: No
Drought Tolerant: Yes
Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to

develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes **Life Span:** More than 50

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Canker

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Scales, Aphids

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Grafting

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