

# Common beech 'Dawyck Purple'

*Fagus sylvatica* 'Dawyck Purple' Also known as: **European beech 'Dawyck Purple'**

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This description is for species **Common beech** (*Fagus sylvatica*):

*Fagus sylvatica* is commonly called Common beech or European beech. It's a large deciduous tree that can grow up to 160ft tall. It has yellowy green leaves that turn to reddish brown in the autumn. It has small catkin flowers, then the beechnuts appear. These are eaten by birds and rodents, and historically by humans too, although they can be toxic if too many are eaten. In the 19th Century the nuts were pressed to create oil for cooking and lamp light, and also ground into flour. The timber of the beech tree is very fine and easy to work with so it's often used in the production of furniture.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Trees
<b>Height [m]</b> 20	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z4-7	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental foliage, habit and autumn colour

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 5	<b>Heat zone</b> H7-4	<b>Creative category</b> For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai Neighbour repellent
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Inconspicuous or absent	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -34 - -12	<b>Garden type</b> Woodland Park
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 14 - 90	<b>Garden spaces</b> Specimen Pleeching Hedges and screens
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Pink or purple	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Pink or purple	<b>Soil type</b> sandy chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 30 years or longer
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Pink or purple	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Propagation methods</b> grafting seed	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Growth habit</b> Upright		