



Beech Trees

Beeches represent a special class of trees. Although very slow growing they hold a regal presence in any landscape. Shallow rooted, sensitive to transplant shock and will not tolerate soil compaction. Leaves are held on through the Winter until new leaves emerge in late Spring.

American Beech: Native tree found here in local woods. But will grow in full sun also. Attractive leaves are prominently veined and show golden-bronze Fall color. Light smooth silvery bark. Produces small 3-winged nut. Can grow very dense up to 50'-70' tall X 40'-60' wide (after many, many years).

Tricolor: Undoubtedly 1 of the most sought after ornamental Beeches. Extremely attractive variegated foliage emerges purple with pink margins which then may turn to a cream color. Tricolor is a true specimen which prefers some shade to prevent burning of leaf margins by hot sun. May appear gangly and sparsely branched while young. Mature size 30'.

Riversii: Large, very dark purple, glossy leaves emerge in Spring which then fade to purple/green in summer and then turn "copper-ish" in Fall. Mature size: 50'-60' tall X 40'-50' wide.

Rohanii: Brownish-purple selection with interesting wavy leaves. Very attractive.

Purple Fountain: Beautiful specimen plant with dominant central leader. Usually grows much more narrow than wide. Mature size: 15'.

Purple Weeping (Purpurea pendula): Does not retain a dominant central leader but presents a beautiful mushroom-shaped weeping mass. Mature size: 10'-15' tall X 10'-15' wide.

Weeping: Green or purple leaves. Branches weep at various angles presenting an attractive and graceful appearance in or out of leaf. May reach 50'-60' in time but slow growing.