



Green Beech

Fagus sylvatica

A classic low-maintenance native, compact in habit and shade tolerant, providing year-round interest and privacy.

Description

Marvelled for its beauty by gardening enthusiasts, the Green Beech, whilst deciduous, clings to its leaves during winter until the new growth pushes through in the spring.

Appearance

In spring, low-branching stems bear lustrous, lightly veined 4–9cm lime-green leaves, wavy edged and fringed with silky hairs. Maturing foliage darkens and becomes more leathery, changing to a glorious buttery-yellow in autumn and rich russet in winter when the hedge is dormant.

Placement

Green Beech excels in a moist but well-drained soil, so heavy clays or those prone to waterlogging are best avoided. Suitable for exposed sites, tolerating full sun or partial shade.

Uses

Ideal as a formal hedge, its lush, light reflecting foliage provides the perfect contrast to many planting schemes. Clipping in late summer will aid leaf retention in winter, enhancing its value as a barrier to pollution and wind with the addition of providing a decorative privacy screen.



A popular hedge for nesting birds as well as insects, small mammals and other species. Beech hedges are particularly valuable due to their protective cover of old leaves during the winter.

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Case Study

“We regularly use Elveden Instant Hedges, often specifying Fagus sylvatica as part of our projects. Its consistent quality and form mean we can offer instant impact and structure to our projects enabling us to achieve the high standards we aim to deliver. Elveden provide a reliable source which allows us to install and promote this English classic into projects across the country.”

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SOIL

Well-drained
Avoid heavy
or wet soils



SUNLIGHT

Full sun
Partial shade



GROWTH

Fast growing
30–60cm/yr
approximately



PRUNING

Once a year
in August



USES

Formal hedging
Privacy screening
Security barrier



SUITABILITY

Containment
of livestock
and horses
Deer resistant

AVAILABLE HEIGHT 1.2M | 1.5M | 1.8M