



Corylus avellana 'Contorta'



Height	4 - 6 m
Crown	round, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	very contorted, grey-brown, somewhat flaking later
Leaf	Round to obovate , very curved and coiling, dark green, 4 - 10 cm
Flowers	catkins, brownish yellow, 5 - 7 cm, inconspicuous, February/March
Fruits	edible nut, about 2 cm, partly enclosed by husk, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	any as long as airy and well-drained
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	very good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, industrial areas, large gardens, small gardens
Shape	multi-stem treem
Origin	Frocester, England, circa 1863

Strong shrub that grows to multi-stemmed tree with densely branching, round crown. The brown twigs are very twisted and winding and this is still highly visible in the older trunks. The matt green leaves are basically round to obovate, but these are also very curved and coiling, so that they appear almost misshapen. They have no significant autumn colours. The male catkins are already visible before winter, but open around late February. The combination with the twisted twigs gives the tree a remarkably graceful appearance. The small, red, female flowers are inconspicuous. The fruits ripen around September. Yields significantly less fruit than typical for the species. The root system is susceptible to suffocation. Can be used in any soil as long as it is adequately airy and drained.