



Fagus sylvatica 'Black Swan'



Height	15 m
Crown	narrow, weeping, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	smooth, grey bark, soft
Leaf	oval to ovate, dark reddish brown, 4 - 9 cm long
Flowers	small, inconspicuous flower catkins, May
Fruits	nuts, in cupules covered with brushy spines, 1 - 2 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	well drained, humic soil, not too wet
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	parks, cemeteries, large gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree
Origin	M. van den Oever, Haaren, Netherlands, 1984

Fagus sylvatica 'Black Swan' is a Dutch selection that remains relatively small. Forms a narrow, upright, weeping tree with a rising top and vigorously weeping branches. May attain an eventual height of circa 15 m and a spread of 3 - 4 m. The oval to ovate leaves are dark red-brown and 4 - 9 cm. 'Black Swan' has a larger leaf than 'Purple Fountain' and can be used as a solitary. The tree requires a calcareous soil that is moisture-retentive, but well-drained, rich in humus content and loamy. Winter hardiness zone: 5b