



Fagus sylvatica 'Brathay Purple'



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| Height | 6-8 m |
| Crown | broad vase-shaped, dark, dense crown |
| Bark and branches | grey |
| Leaf | bronzegreen, reddish brown |
| Flowers | yellowgreen, flowers in May |
| Fruits | brown |
| Spines/thorns | None |
| Toxicity | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock |
| Soil type | loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, calcareous soil |
| 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, small gardens |
| Shape | clearstem tree, feathered tree |

Slow growing, small tree with a rather irregular, broad, vase-shaped crown, up to about 8 m. The fairly small leaves are curved and irregularly pectinately dissected. They are brownish red to dark purplish brown. The leaves are closely clustered at the end of the twigs. In fact, 'Brathay Purple' is the bronze-purple variant of 'Cristata'. The original tree can still be seen at a cemetery in Brathay, a small town north of Windermere in England. It prospers in well-drained, humic soil that is not too wet. Preferably in full sun. Moderately wind resistant.