



## Quercus robur 'Menhir'



<b>Height</b>	4 - 5 m, slow growing
<b>Crown</b>	columnar to narrow pyramidal, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs reddish brown, bark dark grey, deeply grooved
<b>Leaf</b>	obovate, lobed, dark green, 5 - 14 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	green-yellow catkins, 2 - 4 cm, May
<b>Fruits</b>	ovate to oval, 1.5 - 2.5 cm, in groups of 2 - 6, cupule with triangular contiguous scales
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	fertile and moist
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for wet soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt, valuable for butterflies
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets, parks, squares, cemeteries, industrial areas, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Origin</b>	Bömer Tree Nursery, Zundert, the Netherlands, before 2004

A striking, small tree which can best be described as a ‘dwarf’ version of ‘Fastigiata’. Grows significantly more slowly than the species and remains smaller. It is naturally a columnar shrub of around 2 m, but if it is grafted onto a standard, it can grow into a 4 to 5 m tall tree. The branches grow straight up forming a closed columnar shape which later becomes narrow pyramidal. The bark, twigs, leaves, blossom and fruit are like the species. Its modest size and good crown shape make ‘Menhir’ very suitable for narrow streets and small gardens.