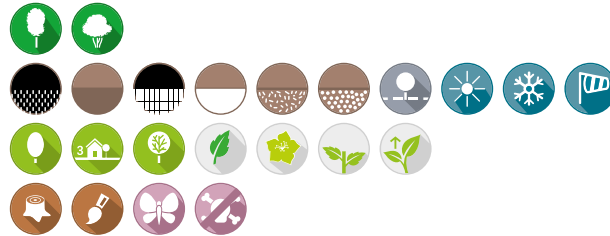




## Betula utilis 'Grayswood Ghost'



<b>Height</b>	12 – 15 m
<b>Width</b>	6-10m
<b>Crown</b>	wide oval
<b>Bark and branches</b>	branches brown, bark white, flaking
<b>Leaf</b>	ovoid to oval, 8-12 cm, dark green
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow
<b>Flowers</b>	catkins, yellow-green, ? ± 2 cm, ? 10-12 cm, March-April
<b>Fruits</b>	fruit catkins, 2,5-3.5 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, nutrient-poor soil, acid soil, all soil types
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for butterflies
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	greyswood Hill, Haslemere, England, 1985

'Grayswood Ghost' is a medium to large type of tree often compared to the popular 'Thornwood', seen as its English equivalent. This tree develops a broad oval crown that can grow up to 15 metres tall and about 9 metres in diameter. As with the 'Thornwood', the crown of the 'Grayswood Ghost' has a very regular shape, making it particularly suitable as an avenue tree for wide streets and lanes. The bark is initially dark brown, but changes to an almost white colour after a few years, flaking only slightly. The leaves are a glossy dark green, providing a nice contrast to the white bark. In autumn, the leaves turn to yellow before falling. This tree grows well in semi-open paving, making it suitable for wide streets and avenues as well. It roots shallowly with many fine root hairs in the topsoil.

The original 'Grayswood Ghost' was located at Grayswood Hill, England, and propagation material was collected just before the tree died. In 1985, this material was named 'Grayswood Ghost' and distributed.