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Fagus sylvatica 'Aspleniifolia'



Height	10 - 15 m
Width	10-15m
Crown	round, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	smooth, grey bark, soft
Leaf	oval, deeply lobed to deeply dissected, dark green, about 10 cm long
Autumn colour	yellow
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	avenues and broad streets
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	France, circa 1804

A cultivar that draws the attention because of its decorative, deeply dissected leaf. It attains a height of 10 - 15 m. When maturing it gets a dense, spreading crown. The smooth bark is grey. The dark-green leaves are irregularly deeply dissected to lobed. Some leaves are very narrow and have a few small side-lobes, they become ± 10 cm long and ± 5 cm wide. The autumn colour is warm golden yellow and the inflorescence is inconspicuous. In autumn the 1 - 2 cm long nuts follow, it bears profusely only at a later age. 'Asplenifolia' is a solitary and prefers not too wet soil, well-drained and high in humus content. Moderately wind resistant. Winter hardiness zone: 5b