



Fagus sylvatica 'Brathay Purple'



Height	6-8 m
Width	4-6m
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	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.