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Fagus sylvatica 'Tortuosa'



A slow-growing beech that remains small and with a fairly spreading crown, height to circa 6 (8) m. Eye-catching is the twisted trunk with contorted branches. The tree develops a weeping look with thin spreading twigs that droop even more with age, and often even touch the ground. Gives a nice winter silhouette. The medium-sized green leaf is oval and unfolds fairly late, end of May, beginning of June and has a yellow-brown autumn colouring. Inflorescence in small, inconspicuous flower catkins, followed by small nuts. 'Tortuosa' is a rather uncommon cultivar for parks and gardens. Prefers not too wet, well-drained soil that is high in humus content. Moderate wind resistance. Winter hardiness zone: 5b