



Fagus sylvatica

(photos from Penn State University)

European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)

Origin: Cultivars are vegetatively propagated, native to Europe

Mature Size: Large (>45' tall)

Description: European Beech is a slow-growing, long-lived tree that performs best in well-drained soil with adequate moisture, but is somewhat easier to grow than native beech (*Fagus grandifolia*). It is upright to oval in youth, becoming rounded with age. At maturity it has very dense branching and casts heavy shade. It does not have any serious disease or pest problems. Fall color is usually yellow. A number of cultivars are available, including: 'Asplenifolia', 'Fastigiata', 'Pendula', 'Riversii', 'Rotundifolia'.