European Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)

Origin: species native to Europe

Mature Size: Medium (25’-35’ tall)

Description: European hornbeam is a relatively slow-growing tree with dense branching and rounded form at maturity. Some cultivars have a narrow upright growth form. It prefers well-drained soil with adequate moisture, but will tolerate clay soil (if not overly wet). It will grow larger than American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*). Fall color is usually yellow or yellow-brown. European hornbeam will produce seeds. Cultivars include: Emerald Avenue®, ‘Fastigiata’, ‘Frans Fontaine’