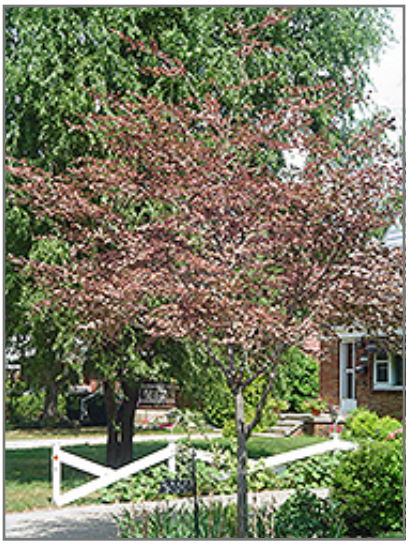
Beech, Tri Color

Fagus sylvatica 'Tricolor'



Beech, Tri Color
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseomarginata Beech, Common Beech, European Beech

Description:

A lovely accent tree with beautiful green variegated leaves that vary from pink to white edges, turning deep purple & pink in fall; Accenting smooth, silver bark; Grows best in rich soil, deep watering maintained and protection from the strongest winds.

Ornamental Features

Beech, Tri Color is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive green foliage edged in pink with hints of white. The serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The smooth silver bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.



Beech, Tri Color foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Beech, Tri Color is an open deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Beech, Tri Color is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Beech, Tri Color will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 120 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (3): Flowers are insignificant. Few to some small 1/2 to 3/4 inch edible nuts are enclosed in spiny husks that birds like. Nuts are small enough to mow or can be picked up. The foliage can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged.