**European Hornbeam 'Fastigiata'**

**VARIETY:** European Hornbeam 'Fastigiata'

**SIZE:**
40' x 20'-30'

**BOTANICAL NAME:** Carpinus betulus 'fastigiata'

**COMMON NAME:** Hornbeam

**LEAF COLOR:** The 1.5 to 3.5-inch-long leaves are dark green, alternate, double serrated in summer changing to yellow in fall. Leaves are clean and attractive throughout the growing season with little susceptibility to foliar diseases.

**HABIT:** Beautiful columnar to pyramidal oval-vase shape, with distinct fan-ribbed branches; it does not develop a central leader. Becoming wider after dropped oval vase with age.

**CULTURE:** Does best in deep, moist, well-drained loamy soil

**GROWTH RATE:** Slow to medium

**FLOWER:** Green (male) Yellow (female)

**FRUIT:** Monoecious flowering cattails, in yellow to green shades, form in early spring before the foliage emerges.

**Fruit**
Other Characteristics: This wood is so solid it was reportedly used by the ancient Romans to make chariots, as well as being used by the American pioneers to make yokes for their oxen. Not native to North America.

**LEAF**

**WINTER**

**FALL**

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