Fagus sylvatica Asplenifolia is a medium sized tree, pyramidal when young and developing a broad spreading crown with maturity, often becoming as wide as it is tall. It is a stunning specimen and the perfect choice for a parkland or feature tree.

As indicated by its common name, the long, narrow foliage is deeply cut, soft and fern like. Throughout the summer, it is a dark glossy green turning a sumptuous golden yellow in autumn.

Though the flowers are insignificant, this beech also produces the typical nut that you would see with a common beech. It also retains the silky smooth grey bark and exquisite form, attractive of this species.

This tree will grow in most well drained soil conditions except very heavy clay. Under planting is not recommended as it develops a shallow root system.

**Plant Profile**

**Name:** Fagus sylvatica Asplenifolia

**Common Name:** Cut leaf or Fern leaf Beech

**Family:** Fagaceae

**Height:** 10-15m

**Demands:** Any well drained soil, not heavy clay. Doesn’t do well in exposed locations

**Foliage:** Narrow and deeply cut, resembling ferns. Dark green and glossy in summer, golden in autumn

**Flower:** Insignificant

**Bark:** Smooth and grey

**Fruit:** Nuts ripen in autumn, typical of Fagus species
Fagus sylvatica Asplenifolia
Cut leaf Beech / Fern leaf Beech

This tree is also sometimes referred to as Fagus sylvatica Heterophylla.

Beech nuts ripen in autumn

Autumn colour of the Cut Leaf Beech

Yellow and orange autumn colouring

Feathered plant, 2.5-3.0m height

Fagus Asplenifolia specimen 3.5-4.0m height and width

The characteristic cut or fern like foliage