

## Carpinus betulus - European Hornbeam

Zone: 5

Height: 40'-60'

Width: 40'-60'

Exposure: Full Sun

Form: Pyramidal when young, broader with age

Growth Rate: Moderate

Soil: Very adaptable; chalk, clay, loam, silt & sand

pH: 5 – 8, very alkaline to slightly acid

Drought: Tolerant

Drainage: Well drained

Pest: Japanese beetle



European Hornbeam is a long lived tree with a broad oval shape. Not particularly showy, but stately with age. The bark is steel gray and smooth. Fall color is yellow. This is an urban-tough tree which will tolerate bad soil, drought and pollution. Bark is susceptible to sunscald if flower branches are removed. Best to cover it.