

Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'

Pyramidal Hornbeam

Zone: 5-8

Height: 40'

Width: 30'

Crown: Upright pyramidal

Growth Rate: Moderate

Soil: Very tolerant

Drought: Very tolerant

Pests: Very few



Pyramidal Hornbeam is a tree that will do well in all but the worst places. It will take acidic, alkaline, clay, loam, sand, drought and even some standing water and keep right on growing. It is very drought tolerant and keeps looking good all year long. Unfortunately, the name is a bit of a misnomer. Don't expect this tree to stay very columnar very long, it will spread out to 30' in time. Use *Carpinus betulus* 'Frans Fontaine' if you want a more slender cultivar. Some growers leave the branching low, and this could cause some problems if space is tight. Hornbeam is susceptible to Sunscald if branched up so wrapping the trunk may be necessary. Hornbeam may get lecanium scale in some areas, and Japanese Beetles will chew on it in the northern South. Otherwise it seems to be pest free. Robinson Nursery offers *Carpinus* 'Fastigiata' as either whips or branched trees.