

# BLUE BEECH



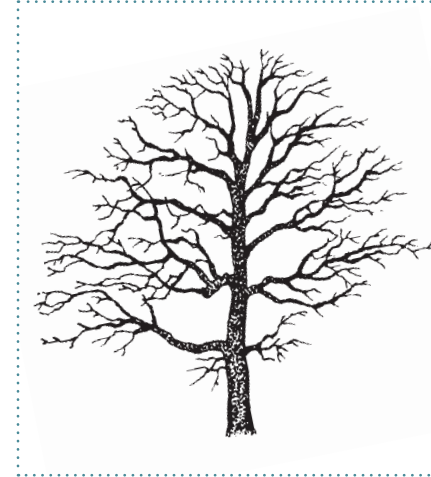
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**MATURE FORM**



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**JUST PLANTED**



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**FORM**

**HEIGHT** 20 feet  
**WIDTH** 15 feet

rounded crown with spreading branches



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**LEAF**

simple, darker green above and paler green below, waxy, elliptical with serrate edges; emerge in spring



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**FALL COLOUR**

brilliant shades of yellow to orange to red



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**BARK**

smooth, light grey when young; smoothly grooved with muscle-like longitudinal ridges, slate grey when mature



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**FLOWER**

small, yellowish-green, non-showy, clusters of male catkins and small, yellowish-green, fuzzy clusters of female catkins; emerge in mid to late spring



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**FRUIT**

tiny, green to brown, leafy, winged nutlets suspended in clusters; mature in late summer/early fall and disperse in winter