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Pictures



David Woods (Spelthorne Group) by a large weeping Beech in Surrey



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Public areas, parks, backyards, private parks, gardens, front gardens,

Central and northern Europe

Light: sunny to semi-shady, temperature: warm to cool, soil: slightly dry to moist, stagnant moisture: to be avoided, soil structure: firm to loose, soil depth: medium to very deep. compaction: to be avoided, pH value: 5.0 to 7.5

Extremely demanding, intolerant of industrial climates, de-icing salt and late frost

Height of growth: 20m to 25m, spread: 15m to 20m, slow growth potential, growth habits: wide, rounded, horizontal, dense, pendulous, compact crown

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Silvery-grey bark is grey, sometimes brown in the furrows, smooth; branches are dark brown, brown or pale brown.

Surface-rooting, deep-rooting, heart-rooting, fine root system, extensive root system

Weeping Beech: List of possible diseases



[Artist's bracket](#)

Zoned, grey-brown tree fungus



Beech bark disease

Major disease of old beech trees, caused by the interaction of a scale-insect and a fungus