

Betula pendula

Silver Birch / Lady of the Woods



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Betula pendula - bark provides Winter interest

Betula pendula is one of Britain's most common native trees and is also widespread across Europe. It was one of the first trees to regenerate itself in this country after the Ice Age.

It is a medium sized, deciduous tree, growing up to 25m in height. Its branches and stems arch gracefully giving it an elegant appearance, hence the name Lady of the Woods.

Early in spring, catkins will appear closely followed by bright green foliage. The leaves are small and triangular, wide at the base and with double toothed margins. In Autumn they turn a beautiful golden yellow.

The attractive white bark adds to the beauty of this tree and also gives it winter interest. As it ages, the bark develops dark cracks and crevices at the base

Betula pendula is available from Deepdale Trees as a standard, feathered and multistem plant.

Plant Profile

Name: *Betula pendula*

Common Name: Silver Birch or Lady of the Woods

Family: Betulaceae

Height: 20-25m

Demands: Perfect on light, acid soil but will grow in a great range of well drained soil.

Foliage: Small, triangular toothed leaves turning brilliant yellow in Autumn

Bark: White with dark crevice as it ages. Young stems are coppery brown with small white spots.



20-25-30cm standards

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Deepdale
 Large quantities of Birch brushwood are used for racecourse jumps and traditional besom brooms. Historically, it has been used to tan leather and the sap used to make a medicinal wine



Betula pendula
 40-50cm girth
 Height: 10m



2.0-3.0m feathered plants



Stocktake of Betula pendula 20-30cm in the fields



30-35cm girth standard



Betula pendula multistems 8-10m



Betula pendula multistems in Autumn