
Betula pendula Select

At Wyevale, we have our very own, British grown and exclusive 'Select' range of trees. These 'Select' cultivars of native trees have been extensively trialled and selected specifically by our Tree Production Director, Chris Mason. Grown for their outstanding establishment, uniform appearance and reliable success, each tree offers significant improvements over their seedling forms.

The Betula pendula 'Select' is a recent introduction to Wyevale, specifically chosen to establish despite the difficulties that urban tree planting faces now, and in the future. Its upright, pyramidal form is ascending in nature, always remaining slender and not exceeding a 5m width. Its vigour and tighter canopy make it the perfect choice for difficult urban locations where space is limited.



The first thing you will notice with the Betula 'Select' is the purity of its unblemished pearl colour bark. This eye-catching feature outshines even the jacquemontii for its shade of brilliant white. Its bark is so striking in fact, that when it is cleaned and maintained, it is known to reflect the moonlight and shine during the darkness of night. Because it is a cultivar of the native Betula, the usual black, dark fissures that crack and run from the base of the trunk contrast wonderfully against its snowy bark.

The 'Select' Betula has been noted to be slightly less water demanding than the seedling form, with a slightly higher resistance to periods of dry weather. This makes it the perfect choice for difficult soil conditions that some urban locations have, including a tolerance to storm water run-off.

Its airy canopy provides a loose dappled shade from the summer sun. This feathered shade from the open canopy remains light, whilst still cooling in the hotter months.

We grow these feathered with branches at the base to slow the stem height growth. This ensures their height to the stem girth ratio is always in balance and never disproportionate. Although a slower process for us, it ensures the leader of the trees are stronger when we supply.

"Select the best, because 'Select' outshines the rest"

Chris Mason
