Characteristics
is mostly found as a tree up to 50 m high.
- The **leaves** are deciduous, oval (egg-like), 5-12 cm long, 3-8 cm wide, with hair on margins.
- **Flowers** are placed along the branch, on a stalk.
- **Fruit** is a small nut, up to 1.6 cm large, in soft-spined husk.
- The **bark** is grey and smooth, in all ages.
- Beech generally grows in a wide range of different **habitats**, not specific to soil pH, substrate, altitude or slope.

Distribution
Central, western and southeastern Europe (including northern Spain and Southern Sweden) and to the east all through Ukraine.

Don’t mistake with
*Carpinus betulus* L., European hornbeam that has less rounded, more ovate leaves, with cm) and partially covered with three-lobed leaf.