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*Nothofagus obliqua*

[Synonyms : *Fagus obliqua*]

**ROBLÉ BEECH** is a deciduous or evergreen tree. Native to Chile and western Argentina it has small green leaves that turn yellow and crimson before they fall.

It is also known as Coyan, Hualle, *Pellin* (Chilean), Roble, Roble pellin, and Southern beech. The flowers are pollinated by wind.

*Obliqua* is Latin (slanting, sideways, on one side) meaning ‘lop-sided or oblique’.

The hard and heavy, durable dark red wood has been used for shipbuilding, railway sleepers, furniture and general construction. It has also been burnt as fuel.