Peashrub, Green Spires

Caragana arborescens 'Jefarb'



Peashrub, Green Spires
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Siberian Peashrub, Caragana

Description:

A very hardy large shrub with dark green compound foliage and showy yellow flowers in spring; great for screening; this is a seedless variety; plan on regular pruning to keep it looking neat

Ornamental Features

Peashrub, Green Spires has yellow pea-like flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The round pinnately compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The smooth olive green bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Peashrub, Green Spires is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering
- Spiny

Peashrub, Green Spires is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

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Planting & Growing

Peashrub, Green Spires will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rate (3): Peashrub produce flat bean pods 2 to 3 inches long. The pods holding seeds that can be cooked and served as a vegetable. Clean up all debris can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged.