Willow Tree, Prairie Cascade Weeping

Salix 'Prairie Cascade'



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Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Weeping Willow

Description:

A beautiful and hardy specimen tree featuring arching golden branches that weep with age, particularly showy in winter; needs plenty of open space to grow; tends to shed branchlets, root system can be aggressive, do not plant too close to homes

Ornamental Features

Willow Tree, Prairie Cascade Weeping is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy narrow leaves turn yellow in fall. The furrowed brown bark and yellow branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Willow Tree, Prairie Cascade Weeping is a dense deciduous tree with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Invasive

Willow Tree, Prairie Cascade Weeping is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

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Planting & Growing

Willow Tree, Prairie Cascade Weeping will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): Willows produce catkins in spring Clean up of catkins and leaves is blowing or raking onto the lawn and mow or bag. In stronger winds smaller branches drop, clean up is pick up and bag. Willows like moist to wet soil, and their roots spread as far as the width of their canopy. Do not place closer to septic systems than half the spread of the canopy plus a few feet.