Larch, Weeping European

Larix decidua 'Pendula'



Larch, Weeping European
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Common Larch

Description:

An unusual small accent shrub for the garden with a strongly weeping habit, usually grafted on a standard to a certain height; best used as a solitary (not in groups) or accent in a garden composition, will definitely draw the eye to it

Ornamental Features

Larch, Weeping European is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has rich green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needle-like leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. The rough gray bark and gold branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Larch, Weeping European is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Larch, Weeping European is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Larch, Weeping European will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 50 years or more.

This shrub 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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 Rating (2) Flowers are insignificant. Few to some clusters of 2" round cones appear in summer when the tree gets 8 to 10 years or older and drops in early autumn. Birds and wildlife enjoy eating the cones or they are small enough to mow or can be picked up. The foliage can blow away in the wind or can be mowed.