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Prairie Cascade Weeping Willow

Salix 'Prairie Cascade'



Prairie Cascade Weeping Willow
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 35 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

Prairie Cascade Weeping Willow 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

Prairie Cascade Weeping Willow 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

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

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Prairie Cascade Weeping Willow will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 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. 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.