Weeping Hankow Willow

Salix matsudana 'Pendula'

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Chinese Willow

Description:

A gracefully pendulous fast growing tree producing fine cascading foliage; best used as a solitary for maximum effect; tends to drop branchlets, aggressive root system, so do not plant near homes

Ornamental Features

Weeping Hankow Willow is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has rich green deciduous foliage. The twisted narrow leaves turn yellow in fall. The rough gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Weeping Hankow Willow is a multi-stemmed 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 relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Weeping Hankow Willow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Weeping Hankow Willow
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Weeping Hankow Willow foliage
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Planting & Growing

Weeping Hankow Willow will grow to be about 40 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 an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.