Pendula Japanese Pagoda Tree

Sophora japonica 'Pendula'



Pendula Japanese Pagoda Tree
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Scholar Tree

Description:

An elegant and refined small shade or accent tree with attractive compound leaves on gracefully pendulous branches; rarely flowers; an ideal size for home landscapes; adaptable to soil types, deserving of wider use

Ornamental Features

Pendula Japanese Pagoda Tree is bathed in stunning panicles of lightly-scented creamy white bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid to late summer. It has light green deciduous foliage. The pinnately compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Pendula Japanese Pagoda Tree foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Pendula Japanese Pagoda Tree is a 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pendula Japanese Pagoda Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Pendula Japanese Pagoda Tree will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet 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 70 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.