Weeping Willowleaf Pear

Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

An attractive small tree with a gracefully weeping branching habit, features very pretty off-white flowers in spring with smallish green fruit in late summer, can be messy; makes a great accent tree for smaller yards, use alone and allow it room to spread



Weeping Willowleaf Pear in bloom
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Weeping Willowleaf Pear flowers
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Ornamental Features

Weeping Willowleaf Pear is covered in stunning clusters of white flowers with purple anthers along the branches in mid spring. It has attractive gray deciduous foliage which emerges silver in spring. The fuzzy narrow leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy green pomes displayed in mid fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Weeping Willowleaf Pear 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 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
- Disease

Weeping Willowleaf Pear is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent

Planting & Growing

Weeping Willowleaf Pear will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet 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 tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.