Spring Cream Dawn Redwood

Metasequoia glyptostroboides 'Spring Cream'



Spring Cream Dawn Redwood
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A small deciduous conifer with gracefully arching branches of fine feathery foliage that emerges creamy white in spring and matures to light green; a slower growing dwarf variety; prefers plenty of moisture; perfect for smaller spaces

Ornamental Features

Spring Cream Dawn Redwood is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has light green deciduous foliage which emerges creamy white in spring. The ferny bipinnately compound leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall. The peeling antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Spring Cream Dawn Redwood is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and 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 tree, 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.

Spring Cream Dawn Redwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Spring Cream Dawn Redwood will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy, 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.