# Hamlet's Broom Dawn Redwood

***Metasequoia glyptostroboides 'Hamlet's Broom'***



*Hamlet's Broom Dawn Redwood*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

**Description:**

A compact slow growing selection, with gracefully arching branches of fine feathery foliage that emerges creamy white in spring, maturing to light green in summer, then golden yellow to russet in fall; prefers plenty of moisture; perfect for small spaces

**Ornamental Features**

Hamlet's Broom Dawn Redwood is primarily valued in the landscape for its cascading habit of growth. It has light green deciduous foliage which emerges creamy white in spring. The ferny bipinnately compound leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, gold and coppery-bronze in the fall. The peeling antique red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Hamlet's Broom Dawn Redwood is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a shapely form and gracefully arching 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.

Hamlet's Broom Dawn Redwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Hamlet's Broom Dawn Redwood will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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.