David Pagoda Tree

Sophora davidii



David Pagoda Tree flowers
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Sophora viciifolia

Description:

A bushy and deciduous shrub that bears upright racemes of small purple-blue and white flowers in late spring; this rare species can be massed in borders or stand as a solitary landscape accent

Ornamental Features

David Pagoda Tree is bathed in stunning racemes of lightly-scented violet bell-shaped flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive deep purple flower buds. It has light green deciduous foliage. The pinnately compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



David Pagoda Tree in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

David Pagoda Tree is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub 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.

David Pagoda Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

David Pagoda Tree will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub 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 species is not originally from North America.