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White Carob Tree

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Prosopis alba



White Carob Tree
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Argentine Mesquite, Algarrobo Blanco

Description:

This deciduous tree rapidly forms a dense spreading canopy of twisted branches; fluffy clusters of yellow flowers in spring, followed by large tan pods; sun loving and highly drought tolerant; has aggressive roots, best for large areas

Ornamental Features

White Carob Tree is draped in stunning clusters of yellow catkins along the branches in mid spring. It has attractive green deciduous foliage. The small narrow pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour. The fruits are showy tan pods displayed from early summer to early fall.



White Carob Tree foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

White Carob Tree is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds and bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Carob Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

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Planting & Growing

White Carob Tree will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 60 years or more. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America..

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.