Tamarisk

Tamarix ramosissima



Tamarisk in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 9 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Description:

A striking garden shrub for texture, featuring extremely fine and wispy foliage and fuzzy pink flowers throughout summer; very vigorous, loose and open; extremely tolerant of dry, alkaline or salty soils; use as a textural accent in the garden

Ornamental Features

Tamarisk features airy plumes of pink flowers rising above the foliage from early to late summer. It has light green deciduous foliage. The threadlike sprays of foliage do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Tamarisk flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Tamarisk is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 high maintenance shrub 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;

- Invasive

Tamarisk is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Tamarisk will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 25 years.

This shrub 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.