

Tamarix gallica

(French tamarisk)

French tamarisk is a small tree known to be highly invasive. It does very well in desert areas, and compete other plants to become the dominant plant type if the right conditions are found.

Tamarisk grows in well drained soil of any type, and needs full sun.

This plant is very attractive. It has beautiful pink flowers that are very catchy, especially for insects and butterflies, and a feathery green foliage.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Tamaris des Canaries

Pronunciation: TAM-uh-riks GAL-ee-kuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Southern Europe

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Wildlife, Erosion control, Cut Flowers / Arrangements

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Fissured, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Grafting

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