

Tamarix tetrandra

(Tamarisk)

Tamarix tetrandra or Tamarisk is a deciduous tree or shrub. The young wood is red, leaves are needle-like pale green not showy at all. It gives a feathery effect to the whole plant. In mid-spring produces numerous dark pink buds which open into pale pink flowers in clusters, up to 5 cm long. The plant is extremely tolerant of maritime exposure. Place it on the full sun, takes drought, salt and any type of soil well. The pruning must be carried out after the flowering as this occurs on the old wood. Used as a bush, specimen on lawns, in groups in parks, and hedges; as a tree, free standing specimen in gardens. The plant is a good choose for creating a green area near the sea, even on the sea front.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Tamaris d'été

Pronunciation: TAM-uh-riks

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Mediterraneae

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Mass Planting, Windbreak, Wildlife, Erosion control, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

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, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
