

Tamarix aphylla

(Tamarisk, Salt Cedar)

Salt Cedar is a spreading tree with rough , deeply furrowed bark. The leaves are reduced into a tiny scales. The small flowers pink or white in color. The tree can be invasive in semi arid or sub tropical climate especially if the area where its planted is irrigated regularly. It can be planted as a street tree in hot and arid regions. Takes full sun and low amount of water



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: TAM-uh-riks a-FIL-uh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Eurasia and Africa

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10

Uses: Shade, Windbreak, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Scale

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Silver

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Rough Texture, Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering

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