

Cotoneaster salicifolius

(Willowleaf Cotoneaster)

Willowleaf cotoneaster is an evergreen shrub with a spreading, trailing habit. Its glossy green leaves turn purple in winter. In spring, white flowers grow, later developing into small, showy red pomes. It tolerates full sun to partial shade and a range of soil pH. Height varies among cultivars.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cotonéastre à feuilles de saule
Pronunciation: ko-TOH-nee-ASS-tur sal-iss-ih-FO-lee-us
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Western China
Heat Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8
Uses: Screen, Border Plant, Wildlife, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Spreading, Weeping
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m, 0.5 to 1 m, 1 to 1.5 m, 1.5 to 3 m
Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter, 1 to 1.5 meters, 1.5 to 3 meters, 3 to 5 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Notes

The cultivar Repens has a creeping habit.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Fine

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green, Red, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Corymb

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Type: Pome

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Diseases: Leaf Spots, Blights

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Scales, Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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