



## CARAGANA (or Siberian peashrub)

*Caragana arborescens*

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### **Native Range**

Caragana, also known as Siberian peashrub, is native to Siberia. It is not native to Kansas.

### **Mature Size**

On the most favorable sites, it can reach a height of 12 feet.

### **Growth Rate**

Moderate

### **Leaves and Fruit**

Caragana, a legume, has a pod-like fruit which contains many seeds. These ripen in July. The leaves vary from light green to dark green and are alternate and compound with many small leaflets. Somewhat showy, small, yellow flowers bloom in May or June.

### **Use**

#### Windbreaks

It is recommended for planting in the outer rows of multi-row plantings. It is suitable for planting in single-row field windbreaks where a dense, short barrier is desired.

#### Wildlife

It is used for nesting by several songbirds. The seeds are occasionally eaten by a few songbirds. This plant is not a preferred food for browsing animals.

### **Soil**

Caragana is a winter-hardy, drought-tolerant, long-lived, medium to tall shrub. It can grow well on a wide range of soils, it does not perform well on very droughty sandy soils or wet soils. During the summer months of extremely dry years this species may drop its leaves.

### **Adaptation**

This plant is marginally adapted to the Kansas summer temperatures.

### **Pests**

There are no known serious disease problems. Grasshoppers can defoliate this species during some years but it recovers well from the attacks.

