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Golden Sunshine Willow

Salix sachalinensis 'Golden Sunshine'



Golden Sunshine Willow foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: S. udensis

Description:

A unique specimen plant grown for its colorful yellow-gold foliage that it retains all season; ideal for creating distinctive winter interest in the home landscape; tolerant of wet conditions; may shed branchlets; use as a solitary for maximum effect

Ornamental Features

Golden Sunshine Willow has gold deciduous foliage which emerges yellow in spring on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The glossy narrow leaves turn yellow in fall. The rough brown bark and brick red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.



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Landscape Attributes

Golden Sunshine Willow is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Sunshine Willow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Golden Sunshine Willow will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.