



**Fernleaf Caragana**  
*Caragana arborescens 'Lorbergii'*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Siberian Peashrub, Caragana, Lorbergii

**Description:**

A most delicate specimen tree for very harsh or dry locations; finely cut leaves are almost ferny in appearance, extremely hardy, just begs for a place of prominence in a garden composition or foundation planting

**Ornamental Features**

Fernleaf Caragana has yellow pea-like flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. It has light green deciduous foliage. The deeply cut ferny pinnately compound leaves turn yellow in fall. The smooth olive green bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Fernleaf Caragana is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Fernleaf Caragana is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Fernleaf Caragana in bloom*  
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*Fernleaf Caragana flowers*  
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- Accent
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Fernleaf Caragana will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.