

Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula'
Pendulous Willow-leaved Pear, Weeping silver Pear



Pyrus salicifolia 'Pendula' (Pendulous willow-leaved pear, Weeping silver pear) is a broad weeping form of *Pyrus salicifolia* and is used more often than the species owing to its decorative character. The weeping form occurs because of the pendulous branches and grey-haired, slender, hanging shoots. *Pyrus salicifolia* 'Pendula' grows to between five and seven metres tall and approximately as wide.

The leaf is its greatest ornamental value. The willow-like foliage is lanceolate, with grey down and emerges grey-white in the spring. It then changes colour to grey-green which gives the tree a Mediterranean look in the summer. In the autumn the willow-leaved pear has light yellow autumn foliage. Coinciding with the new buds, the selection 'Pendula' produces cream-white corymbs which are not particularly noticeable against the silver foliage. After flowering pear fruits can develop around three centimetres long but this seldom occurs. *Pyrus salicifolia* 'Pendula' has a silver-grey, peeling bark even in juvenile plants. The thin, white downy twigs are thorny and form an excellent refuge for birds.

The white downy leaf of *Pyrus salicifolia* 'Pendula' is an indicator that the tree does not lose much water through evaporation and can thus tolerate drought. Strong winds and coastal winds are not a problem either and the willow-leaved pear is, therefore, excellent for use on roofs and in containers. The selection will grow on any soil that is not too heavy or wet and prefers a sunny position where possible. *Pyrus salicifolia* 'Pendula' is good as a standard or multi-stem in (large) gardens and park-like settings. However, the tree is also excellent for topiary and equally at home as a roof-trained or block form in smaller gardens.

SEASONAL COLOURS

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TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: standard trees, half-stem trees, multi-stemmed trees | **Topiary on stem**: beehive, block, multi-stem umbrella | **Topiary**: cylinder, block, column, archway

USE

Location: park, large garden, small garden, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones, coastal area | **Pavement**: none, open, sealed

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: wide weeping | **Crown structure**: semi-open | **Height**: 5 - 7 m | **Width**: 5 - 7 m | **Winter hardiness zone**: 5B - 9B

ASPECTS

Wind: tolerant to wind, tolerant to coastal wind | **Soil**: loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level**: low in nutrients, moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level**: dry, moist | **Light requirements**: sun | **pH range**: acidic, neutral, alkaline | **Host plant/forage plant**: bees, nectar value 3, pollen value 3 | **Extreme environments**: tolerates air pollution

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Flowers: corymbose, discrete, small | **Flower colour**: cream-white | **Flowering period**: April - May | **Leaf colour**: grey-green, underside white-grey | **Leaves**: deciduous, lanceolate, narrow, hairy | **Autumn colour**: pale yellow | **Fruits**: rarely fruits, large, pear | **Fruit colour**: green | **Bark colour**: grey-black | **Bark**: furrowed | **Twig colour**: grey | **Twigs**: thorned, hairy

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