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# North Dakota Tree Selector

## General

**Scientific Name:** *Caragana arborescens*

**Family:** Fabaceae (Legume)

**Hardiness:** Zone 2

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Shrub

## Growth

**Rate:** Medium

**Mature Height:** >7'

**Longevity:** Long

**Power Line:** Yes

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Yellow

**Fruit:** Brown pods

**Fall Color:** Yellow

## Caragana-Siberian Peashrub

### Description

Caragana is a tall, drought-tolerant legume shrub native to Siberia that is long-lived and tolerant of alkaline sites. This multi-trunk shrub has a rounded form. Pea-like yellow flowers bloom singly or in clusters in May on the prior year's wood. Flowers give way to yellowish-green pods (to 3" long) that mature to brown in summer. This shrub has the ability to withstand extreme cold and dryness. Major windbreak species.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun.

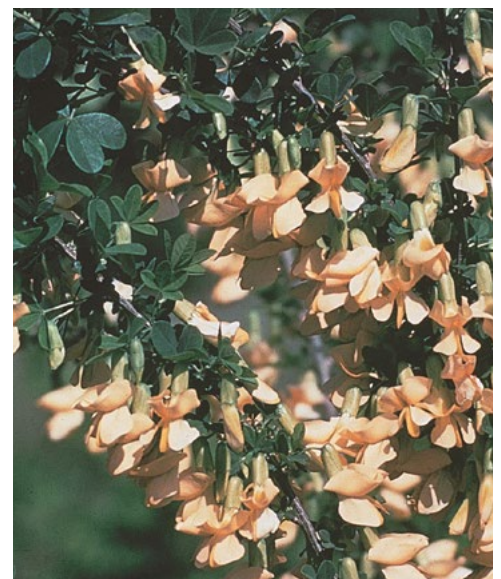
**Water:** Dry to medium.

**Soil:** Average to dry soils.

### Comments

Several improved varieties are available including:

- 'Sutherland' with a narrow, upright form.
- 'Lorberg' with a graceful form and fine textured leaves.
- Weeping Siberian peashrub ('Pendula') has a stiffly weeping form with arching branches.
- Dwarf Siberian peashrub ('Nana') is a dwarf form with somewhat contorted branches.



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