

Searsia pendulina (Jacq.) Moffett, comb. nov.

(White Karee)



Notes

A tree from the Anacardiaceae family (Cashew, mango, pistachio, sumac) with many positive attributes suitable for planting in urban landscapes.

A moderate-sized evergreen tree with a semi-pendulous, willow-like form.

Good drought and wind tolerance.

Fast growth rate.

No significant litter drop.

Right: Fine, trifoliate foliage.



Origin:	South Africa. In a narrow strip that follows the Orange River.
Habit:	Broad-domed tree with drooping branchlets. 9 metres in height with a similar or wider crown width.
Description:	Multiple leaders with smooth to flaky bark. The leaves are trifoliate with light-green, narrowly lanceolate leaflets. Panicles of small green flowers appear in spring/summer followed by small reddish to black berries.
Tolerances:	Grow in full sun position; tolerant of light frost. Fast growing. High tolerance of drought and wind. Tolerant of periodic water-logging.
Availability:	Unknown. Presume rare. Easily propagated from seed and cuttings.
Uses & management:	Urban landscapes, including streets. This willow-like small to medium sized tree is ideal for small gardens due to its quick growth, non-invasive root system, and tidy and easy to maintain habit. No major pest or disease concerns. Wood has reputation for toughness and durability.

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