



Common Caranaga

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Sun:

- Full Sun

Water:

- Low to Moderate
- Drought tolerant once established

Mature Size:

- 10–15 ft tall
- 8–12 ft wide

Hardiness Zone:

- USDA Zones 2–7
- Excellent for Alaska

Growth Rate:

- Fast

Bloom Time:

- Late Spring to Early Summer

Bloom Color:

- Bright Yellow

PLANTING

Best Planting Conditions:

- Plant in full sun for strongest growth and flowering
- Thrives in poor, sandy, or well-drained soils
 - Excellent for windbreaks, shelterbelts, and privacy rows
- Avoid soggy or poorly drained soil

Spacing:

- 8–12 ft apart for mature growth
- 4–6 ft apart for hedge or windbreak planting

First Year Watering:

- Water deeply and regularly during establishment
- Mulch to help retain moisture and protect roots

ALASKA NOTES

Alaska-Specific Tips:

- Exceptional cold hardiness
 - Handles wind, poor soil, and exposed properties extremely well
- Great for homesteads, privacy, and shelterbelts
- Excellent low-maintenance option for rural Alaska
- Mulch young plants before first winter

PRUNING & MAINTENANCE

Pruning:

- Prune late winter or early spring
- Remove suckers if tree form is preferred
- Can be aggressively shaped for hedges or windbreaks

Fertilizing:

- Usually unnecessary in healthy soil
- Light balanced fertilizer in spring if desired

COMMON MISTAKES

- Overwatering mature plants
- Planting in poorly drained soil
- Ignoring suckers if formal shape is desired
- Underestimating mature size

KEN'S TIPS

- **If you need something tough, dependable, and Alaska-proven, Common Caragana is one of the best workhorse shrubs you can plant. It may not be flashy, but it thrives where many others struggle.**