



Light Exposure	
Soil Moisture	
pH Tolerance	
Salt Tolerance	

The coastal plain willow (Carolina willow) is a shrub or small tree that will grow quite quickly. This tree can be differentiated from the closely related black willow by the broader leaves, lighter color on lower-side of leaves, the presence of stipules (outgrowths at the base of the petiole) and smaller final size.

The coastal plain willow can serve well as an accent plant particularly in moist or lower fertility areas. Will grow to a small tree with an open to spreading form. Short-lived showy green and yellow flowers readily attract honey bees and native pollinators when blooming in early spring. Offers some food and cover for wildlife and serves as a larval host plant for several butterflies including: viceroy butterfly (*Basilarchia archippus*), red-spotted purple (*Basilarchia arthemis astyanax*), morning cloak (*Nymphalis antiopa*), and the io moth (*Automeris io*).



Growth Form	Small open/spreading tree Multi-stemmed shrub
Growth Rate	Rapid
Potential Size	Height: 15-35 ft. Spread: 10-20 ft.
Leaves	Simple, Lance-shaped 2 1/2-5 1/2" L x 1/2-1 1/4" W Alternate Serrate Margins Lower surface lighter Petioles often with stipules
Bark	Dark Brown - Gray Ridged or warty
Flowers	Showy green/yellow catkins Bloom Mar-Apr
Fruit	Cone-shaped capsule < 1/4" Seeds wind dispersed Matures early summer



### Additional Reading:

Native Trees for South Florida  
<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/eh157>  
Butterfly Gardening in Florida  
<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw057>

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