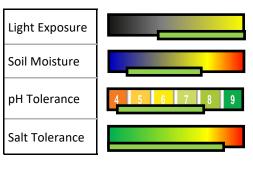


Coastal Plain Willow Salix caroliniana





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.



Small open/spreading tree Growth Form Multi-stemmed shrub Rapid **Growth Rate** Potential Height: 15-35 ft. Spread: 10-20 ft. Size Simple, Lance-shaped $2^{1}/_{2}-5^{1}/_{2}$ " L x $^{1}/_{2}-1^{1}/_{4}$ " W Alternate Leaves Serrate Margins Lower surface lighter Petioles often with stipules Dark Brown - Gray Bark Ridged or warty Showy green/yellow catkins Bloom Mar-Apr **Flowers**

Fruit

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).





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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