

Black Willow



This medium sized native tree has a multitude of uses. It has a very fast growth rate and can help to stabilize banks quickly. It provides good shelter and sustenance for birds and small mammals. It is one of the first nectar sources for bees in Spring and is a host plant for Viceroy, Mourning Cloak, Tiger Swallowtail and red-spotted purple butterflies. Black Willow has an extensive recorded history of medical use dating back to the ancient Greeks. A tea from the bark is good for stiff joints and rheumatic pains. The inner bark contains salicylic acid, a chemical compound similar to aspirin.

Salix nigra

- Size: 30-60'
- Flower: May with leaf emergence
- Culture: Full sun. Prefers moist to wet soils.
- Uses: Conservation, , high wildlife value, erosion control, medicinal, basketry, lightweight furniture, dye

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