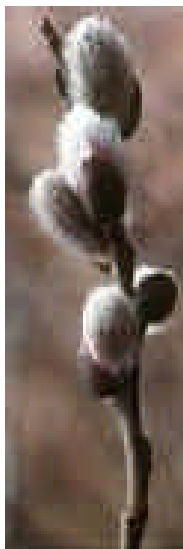


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# Salix discolor

## Pussy Willow



Much-loved silvery catkins open in late February and March. Good for wet, difficult sites, for wildlife habitat, and for sentimental value. Fast-growing and easy to transplant. But, weak-wooded, prone to breakage, and susceptible to many diseases and insect problems - particularly willow borer.

**Suggested companions:** red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*).

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Plant Type: Small Tree

Size: 20-25' H  
7-9' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Shrubby Wetland  
Wet Meadow  
Swamp/ Bog  
Streambanks

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Very Damp/Wet  
Rich Moist  
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:  
Silver

Bloom Time:  
February  
March

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting  
Wildlife attracting  
Butterfly attracting