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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