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Salix exigua

Sandbar Willow



Very narrow silver leaves. Yellow catkins appear in late spring after leaves emerge. Important as a protector of stream banks and sandbars; spreads to form dense thickets. Easily transplanted and fast-growing.

Suggested companions: buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 10-15' H
5-10' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Shrubby Wetland
Stream Margins

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

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Yellow

Bloom Time:

April
May
June

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Erosion control
Butterfly attracting