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Salix nigra

Black Willow



Colonizes riverbanks, pond shores and swamp margins, flourishing at or below water level. Grows very quickly, but is weak-wooded and short-lived. Good for wetland plantings. Yellow-green catkins emerge before leaves in early spring.

Suggested companions: cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), red ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), river birch (*Betula nigra*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*)

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Plant Type: Small Tree

Size: 35'-50' H
15-30' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Shrubby Wetland
Riverbanks
Lakeside

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

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Yellow
Green

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

March
April

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Butterfly attracting