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# BLACK WILLOW

*Salix nigra*

Fast-growing, medium to large sized water-loving tree, great for erosion control and flood prevention. Bark and twigs are commonly browsed by wildlife.

## Growing Information

Sunlight Sun, Part Shade, Shade  
Soil Type Moist, wet  
Height 30–60'  
Flowering calendar March to April

## Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes  
Flowers Yes  
Fruit  
Seeds

Host to 434 caterpillar species, including:  
(common names) Mourning Cloak; Locust Underwing; Hourglass Furcula; White Furcula; Green Comma; Clymene Moth; Viceroy; Definite Tussock Moth; Small-eyed Sphinx Interrupted Dagger Moth

## Benefits for People

- Wood and twigs can be used for furniture, construction materials, and basket weaving

## Natural Habitat

- Stream banks, floodplains, low areas

