

Salix babylonica

(Babylon Weeping Willow, Weeping Willow)

This elegant tree is a classic large landscapes with ponds or moist lowlands. This deciduous tree native to eastern Asia. Leaves are deciduous, but it is beautiful year-round because of its elegant weeping branches interesting with leaves or without. It grows best in full sun and organic-rich soil with a lots of moisture. The tree makes a nice accent or specimen in a residential or commercial landscape but does not have the long-life. The tree has the same undesirable features of other willows including weak wood and insect problems.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Saule tortueux, Saule pleureur

Arabic Name: صفاف بابلي

Pronunciation: SAY-licks mat-soo-DAY-nuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Eastern Asia

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Specimen, Shade

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round, Upright, Weeping

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Serrulate, Serrate

Leaf Textures: Waxy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Catkin

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green, Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Leaf Spots, Canker, Blights

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Caterpillars, Scales, Aphids, Borers, Lace bug

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Layering
