

Salix caprea

(Goat Willow, Great Sallow, Pussy Willow)

Goat willow is a small multi stemmed deciduous tree native to Europe and western Asia. It is growing a silky male flower called catkins in early spring. Female and male flower grows in a different tree. The leaves are dark green and hairy underneath. Mainly the weeping cultivate is used in gardens. It likes sun and well-drained soil, and benefits from a severe pruning every 2 or 3 years. Grow it where late winter and early spring interest are needed in the garden.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Saule marsault

Pronunciation: SAL-iks

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Europe and western Asia.

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container, Windbreak, Cut Flowers / Arrangements

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright, Weeping

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 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: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire, Dentate

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Catkin

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxicity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Leaf Spots, Canker, Blights

Edible Parts: Leaf

Pests: Scales, Aphids, Borers

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Grafting

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