



Species: *Salix caprea*

(say'liks cap'ree-ah)

Goat Willow; Pussy Willow

Cultivar Information

This European species has few cultivars how ever there are several closely related species that also can sometime be found in cultivation: *S. discolor* (North America; 'Rosea' has pale rosy catkins), and *S. gracilistyla* (Asia; 'Melanostachys' bears black catkins with red anthers)

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet

Height: 15' - 25' (to 30') (12' - 15' spread)

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: shrub or small tree

Ornamental Other: best in full sun (rangy in shade)

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 3b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: flowers very early - March or April; soft silky catkins (hence the common name)

Insect Disease

short-lived due to many insect and disease problems

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

native to Europe, northeast Asia, Japan. Range map is for *Salix discolor*, native to North America

Cultivars for *Salix caprea*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Curly Locks	'Curly Locks' - grafted weeping tree with twisted branches and foliage
Pendula	'Pendula' (a.k.a.'Kilmarnock' and 'Weeping Sally') - grafted weeping tree

Photos



Salix caprea - Fruit



Salix caprea - Fruit, Leaf



Salix caprea - Habit



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Salix caprea - Habit



Salix caprea - Leaves



Salix caprea - Male Catkins, Male Fruit



Salix caprea - Habit



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Salix caprea - Bark