



Species: *Salix purpurea*

(say'liks per-poo'ree-ah)

Purple osier Willow; Basket Willow

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet, Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 8' - 10' (spread 12' - 15')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: round, dense, finely branched

Ornamental Other: best in full sun

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 3b

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

Environmental Other: best in full sun

Insect Disease

prone to a variety of insect and disease problems

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

S. purpurea native to Europe, North Africa, central Asia, Japan; introduced by Soil Conservation Service, USDA; useful for stream bank stabilization; lay bundles in stream stabilization areas and will send up shoots to help prevent erosion; needs maintenance to remain attractive; useful for phytoremediation

Cultivars for *Salix purpurea*

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| Cultivar Name | Notes |
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| Canyon Blue | 'Canyon Blue' - semi-dwarf to 5 feet; steely blue-gray foliage; low and rounded |
| Gracilis | 'Gracilis' - medium height to 6 feet; slender upright stems |
| Pendula | 'Pendula' - spreading, pendant growth habit |
| Nana | 'Nana' - semi-dwarf to 6 feet; striking blue-green foliage |
| Nancy Saunders | 'Nancy Saunders' - female clone; silvery-grey leaves on glossy, maroon-red stems |
| Streamco | 'Streamco' - very vigorous growth; readily suckers and self layers; selected for streambank stabilization |

Photos



Salix purpurea 'Nana'



Salix purpurea - Habit



Salix purpurea - Leaves



Salix purpurea - Leaves



Salix purpurea leaves2



Salix purpurea 'Streamco' - Habit



Salix purpurea 'Pendula' - Habit



Salix purpurea twig



Salix purpurea - Habit