

Laurel Leaf Willow

Salix pentandra



- **Plant Characteristics:** Has the most handsome foliage of all the willows. Develops a compact oval form. A small to medium-sized tree that is often seen in a shrubby form.
- **Size:** Height: 20–40'
Width: 15–35'
- **Foliage:** The leaves are a lustrous, polished, shimmering dark green in summer.
- **Flower:** Catkins appearing with the foliage and are 1 to 2" long. Dioecious, flowers May –June
- **Fruit:** Capsule.
- **Soil:** Performs best on moist deep loams along streams or wetlands
- **Tolerances:** Not drought tolerant.
Can tolerate some flooding.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 3
- **Light Range:** Full sun.
- **pH Range:** 5.5–8.0 pH
- **Other:**
 - Retains leaves into late fall.
 - Frequently found by streams and wet ground.
 - May die back during periods of extended drought.
 - Used for windbreaks
 - Wildlife– used as food and cover for a wide variety of wetland wildlife.
 - One of the last to drop leaves in fall.
 - No serious disease problems, but can be subject to leaf diseases.
 - Fast rate of growth.