**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.