PLANT FACT SHEET

Salix purpurea L.

GENUS *Salix* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple osier willow, Alaska blue willow, Arctic willow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bark, Leaves

The fresh leaves are boiled in water for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrubby tree. It grows to 5 m high. It spreads 5 m wide. The shoots arch over and are purple. The leaves are narrow and oblong. They are bluish green above and paler underneath. The flower catkins are red but become purple-black.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 5-10. Tasmania Herbarium.

NOTES

There are about 300 Salix species.

PICTURES



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