PLANT FACT SHEET

Salix fragilis L.

GENUS *Salix* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Crack willow, Brittle willow, Kashmir willow, Red-wood willow, Snap willow, Tilchang

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bark, Leaves, Sap

The sap is sweet and sugary.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized tree. It grows 24-30 m high. The trunk can be 100 cm across. The crown is rounded and green. The small branches break off easily in wind. The bark is grey and deeply ridged and cracked. The leaves are long and narrow and 7-15 cm long. They are shiny green on top and grey green underneath and do not have hairs. The leaves are often twisted. The male catkins are yellow and the female catkins are green.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It is native to Asia and Europe. It normally grows near rivers. They can grow in salty air near the sea coast. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 900 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 6-10. Tasmania Herbarium. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed. It also grows easily from cuttings. The seeds stay fertile for only a short time.

NOTES

There are about 300 Salix species.

PICTURES



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