PLANT FACT SHEET

Salix pentandra L.

GENUS *Salix* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Bay willow, Bayleaf willow, Laurel willow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bark, Leaves

The leaves are used for flavouring food.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 15 m tall. It is a broadly spreading tree. The bark is grey-brown with shallow cracks. The leaves are narrowly oval and 12 cm long by 5 cm wide. They taper to a short point. There are fine teeth along the edge. The male and female flowers are both very small. They are in catkins 5 cm long. The fruit is a small green capsule. It releases fluffy white seeds.

HABITAT

It is native to Asia and Europe. It grows along riverbanks and in meadows. It suits hardiness zones 5-10.

NOTES

There are about 300 Salix species.

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