PLANT FACT SHEET

Salix glauca L.

GENUS *Salix* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue-green willow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It grows 2 m high and is smaller in alpine regions. The young twigs are softly hairy. The leaves are dark green above and paler blue-green underneath. The bracts are pale brown. The fruit are hairy capsules.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It forms thickets in sandy and gravelly places near rivers in the Rocky Mountains.

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