PLANT FACT SHEET

Salix nigra Marshall

GENUS *Salix* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Black willow, Goodding willow, Swamp willow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bark, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 12-30 m high. The trunk is 30-80 cm across. The bark is scaly and often becomes rough. Young branches have scars from where twigs fell off. The leaves are narrow and sword shaped. There are very small teeth along the edge. The leaves are green on both surfaces. The flowers are separately male and female in catkins. The male catkins are 2-5 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. Trees cannot tolerate shade. It grows to 1,500 m altitude in the southern USA. It suits hardiness zones 4-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees are fast growing. Trees live for 70 years.

NOTES

There are about 300 Salix species.

PICTURES



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