PLANT FACT SHEET

Salix alaxensis (Andersson) Coville

GENUS *Salix* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Feltleaf wiillow, Alaska Willow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: bark, Leaves, flower - nectar

The sweet nectar of the flowers is sucked by children.
The young leaf buds can be eaten. They are eaten raw with seal oil.
The young stems have the bark removed and then are chewed.
Occasionally the young leaves are eaten. They are also stored in seal oil for later use.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 7 m high and the trunk is 18 cm thick. The leaves are large and can be narrow. They are dark green on the upper surface and woolly underneath. The twigs are also woolly. The flowers are in catkins.

HABITAT

it is a cold temperate plant. It grows along rivers.

NOTES

There are about 300 Salix species.

PICTURES



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