

# ArborTags



The leaves of the Black Willow are lance-shaped coming to a long point. Often the leaves are characteristically curved to one side. Finely saw-toothed these narrow leaves are lighter on the underside. Note the tiny auxiliary leaves, called stipules, appearing where each leaf meets the stem.

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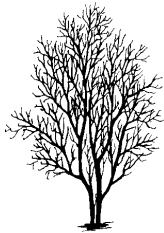
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Flowers bloom in the early spring on 3-inch catkins or drooping clusters of very small blossoms. The sweet flowers attract the honey bees in spring. The seeds are small red beads maturing in late spring.

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Often with 2 or more leaning trunks the tree can grow up to 100 feet in swampy places. The rough furrowed bark with forking or swirling ridges is a good identifier. Also notice the yellow twigs in wintertime.

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The swamp willow can be found in low-lying wet areas, often hanging over streams. Black Willow twigs are brittle and fall easily from the tree, washing to other sites and readily taking root there.

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