

**Cultural Information – Salix**  
*(SAL-iks)*

<b><u>Light:</u></b>	Full sun, a southern exposure is best.
<b><u>Temperature:</u></b>	Hardy well into sub zero temperatures when planted in the ground.
<b><u>Humidity:</u></b>	Humidity is not an issue in culture.
<b><u>Watering:</u></b>	Willows like it wet and thus when planting a damp spot or even near wetlands is a good choice. However, they will grow and do well on upland sites as long as attention is given during the first year after planting to ensure adequate moisture.
<b><u>Fertilizer:</u></b>	Low levels of fertilizer. Once established, little if any, is needed.
<b><u>Pruning:</u></b>	Best time to prune is right after flowering. The resuming growth of summer will create flowers for the following spring. They are fast growing plants and can be maintained as shrubs in the landscape by pruning.
<b><u>Insects and Disease:</u></b>	Generally free of insects and diseases.
<b><u>Comments</u></b>	Willows are fast growing shrubs or trees that do well in damp planting sites. The pussy willow can be maintained as a shrub by seasonal pruning and as most are produced by vegetative cutting, they come into flower in the second year.