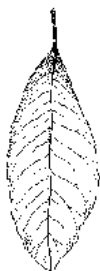


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A fairly wide leaf for a willow it is 2-4 inches long and 1-2 inches wide with irregular wavy toothed edges. Its Latin name comes from the bluish white appearance of the underside of the leaf.

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Salix discolor

Pussy Willow

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Admired for the soft silky catkins which are up to 2 inches long appearing in late March to early April. Depending on the variety the catkins can range from white to yellow to buff colored.

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A small tree, often a bush, growing in swampy areas and beside ponds. A yellow brown branch is a mark of the Goat Willow, as distinct from the deep brown branch of *S. discolor*.

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As harbinger of spring the Pussy Willow is one of the first of our bushes to come into bloom. In winter the cut twigs can be forced to bloom even earlier by keeping them at warm temperatures.

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