

*Salix discolor*  
**Pussy Willow**



**Summer Foliage**

**Characteristics:** Broad-leaved, deciduous shrub

**Appearance:**

**Height** - 2 to 20 ft.

**Aerial Spread** - 8 ft.

**Flower Color** - Catkins with yellow (male) or white flowers (female)

**Flowering Period** - February to May

**Fruit Color** - Light brown, finely hairy

**Fruiting Period** - Early spring before leaves

**Habitat (Community):** Damp thickets, swamps and stream banks

**Hydrology:**

**Indicator Status** - Facultative wetland

**Salinity** - Fresh water

**Non-Tidal Regime** - Seasonally inundated or saturated

**Wildlife Benefits:** (Fruit) food for birds

**Distribution:** Across Canada; south through New England to Maryland; west to Kentucky, Missouri, South Dakota