

# Salix lucida

## Shining Willow



An attractive, glossy-leaved, large shrub. High wildlife value. Needs sun and damp soil. Easily transplanted and very fast-growing. As with most willows, it is brittle-wooded and subject to many diseases and insect problems.

**Suggested companions:** red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*), silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

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Plant Type: Small Tree  
Size: 12-20' H  
12-20' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:  
Shrubby Wetland  
Wet Meadow  
Swamp/ Bog

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Rich Moist  
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:  
Green  
Yellow

Bloom Time:  
April  
May

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:  
Wildlife attracting  
Bird attracting  
Butterfly attracting