

Bebb's Willow



Bebb willow (*Salix bebbiana*) is a large native shrub ten feet tall or a small bushy tree fifteen to twenty-five feet (Viereck & Little 1972). The leaves are elliptical to oblanceolate; one to three inches long, and are hairy when young smooth and strongly veined when old. The fruit is capsules, six to eight millimeters long, long beaked, and sparsely hairy (Farrar 1995). The bark is thin, reddish, olivegreen, or gray tinged with red and slightly divided by shallow fissures (Sargent 1961). The roots are shallow and dense.

Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 2-8

Colorado Native

Cold Hardy: Excellent

Drought Tolerance: Poor

Alkali Soil Tolerance: Excellent

Windbreak Suitability: Fair

Wildlife Benefit: Excellent

Mature Height: 12 ft

Mature Width: variable

Growth Rate: Rapid

Highest Elevation: 9500 ft