

## This Week's Featured Shrub



*Salix (Commonly known as the 'Willow')  
(Image of 'Salix Black Cat')*

Salix willows love moist areas! Tolerate of poor soil conditions this vigorous shrub is easy to grow in full sun to partial sun environments. The willows loose limbed branches in the early spring bare flowers before the foliage appear. Foliage emerges in the late spring, thin-leaved and commonly greenish-blue in hue. The Salix is easy to maintain and once established (by the second season) will begin to grow more vigorously and in time spread runners. The Salix does sucker which can be great/ideal for steep areas to help with erosion control. Easily tolerate of much, the Salix is a wonderfully tough and adaptable shrub.

## Why We Love It

- Excellent when used near a body of water (locations with steep banks/ naturalized areas)  
  
Embankment and erosion control – suckering  
  
Great for hedging around water features
- Benefits from a rejuvenating haircut when to large or unsightly  
  
Late-winter to mid-summer is ideal for pruning
- Easy to establish followed by rapid growth

(Source: <http://www.bhg.com/gardening/plant-dictionary/shrub/willow/> & <http://plantfacts.osu.edu/pdf/0247-989.pdf> )



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