

*Salix exigua*

## Sandbar Willow, Narrow-leaf Willow



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SMALL TREE OR LARGE SHRUB - deciduous.  
6 to 10' high, 10' spread. Forms clumps by root-sprouting.  
Gray bark.  
Leaves gray-green, silky (especially young leaves).  
Catkins relatively small - spring to summer.

Native habitat: Streamsides, marshes, wet areas - below 7500'  
- throughout western US, to Arizona and Baja California.

Full sun to part shade. Frost tolerant.  
Needs water when young, drought tolerant when established.

Can be used as a screen. Good as light-colored background or foreground for  
other plants. Excellent adjacent to lawns. Responds well to pruning.  
Habitat for birds, butterflies and insects. Many ethnobotanical uses.

