



sandbar willow

Salix exigua

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

The sandbar willow tree grows to 25 feet tall. Its bark is gray and furrowed with rough scales. The leaves are arranged alternately along the branch. Leaves are long and narrow (up to four inches long and one-half inch wide) with widely spaced teeth. Flowers are clustered in long spikes with male and female flowers on separate trees. Fruits are flask-shaped, brown capsules up to one-eighth inch long.

BEHAVIORS

The sandbar willow grows along streams and sandbars. This tree flowers from April through June. The sandbar willow is a pioneer species on sand areas along rivers.

HABITATS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> bottomland forests | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rivers & streams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lakes, ponds & reservoirs | <input type="checkbox"/> swamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> temp water supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> marshes | <input type="checkbox"/> wet prairies & fens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> peatlands | |

ILLINOIS STATUS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> common | <input type="checkbox"/> endangered | <input type="checkbox"/> threatened |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>native</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>exotic</u> | |

ILLINOIS RANGE

statewide

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