



## Species: *Salix purpurea*

(say'liks per-poo'ree-ah)

Purple osier Willow; Basket Willow

### Cultivar Information

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub > 8 feet, Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 8' - 10' (spread 12' - 15')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: round, dense, finely branched

Ornamental Other: best in full sun

### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 3b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: best in full sun

### Insect Disease

prone to a variety of insect and disease problems

### Bare Root Transplanting

Any

## Other

*S. purpurea* native to Europe, North Africa, central Asia, Japan; introduced by Soil Conservation Service, USDA; useful for stream bank stabilization; lay bundles in stream stabilization areas and will send up shoots to help prevent erosion; needs maintenance to remain attractive; useful for phytoremediation

Cultivars for *Salix purpurea*

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| Cultivar Name  | Notes   |
|----------------|---|
| Canyon Blue    | 'Canyon Blue' - semi-dwarf to 5 feet; steely blue-gray foliage; low and rounded                           |
| Gracilis       | 'Gracilis' - medium height to 6 feet; slender upright stems   |
| Pendula        | 'Pendula' - spreading, pendant growth habit   |
| Nana           | 'Nana' - semi-dwarf to 6 feet; striking blue-green foliage  |
| Nancy Saunders | 'Nancy Saunders' - female clone; silvery-grey leaves on glossy, maroon-red stems                          |
| Streamco       | 'Streamco' - very vigorous growth; readily suckers and self layers; selected for streambank stabilization |

## Photos



*Salix purpurea* 'Nana'



*Salix purpurea* - Habit



*Salix purpurea* - Leaves



*Salix purpurea* - Leaves





*Salix purpurea* leaves2



*Salix purpurea* 'Streamco' - Habit



*Salix purpurea* 'Pendula' - Habit



*Salix purpurea* twig



*Salix purpurea* - Habit