

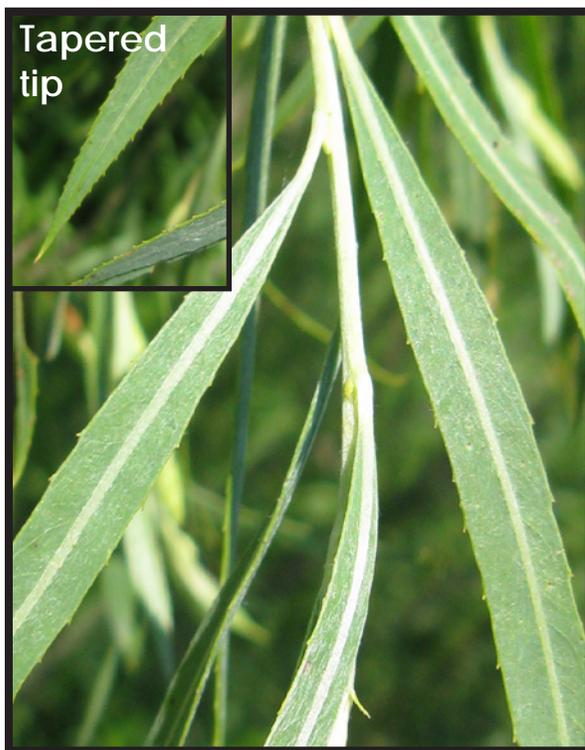
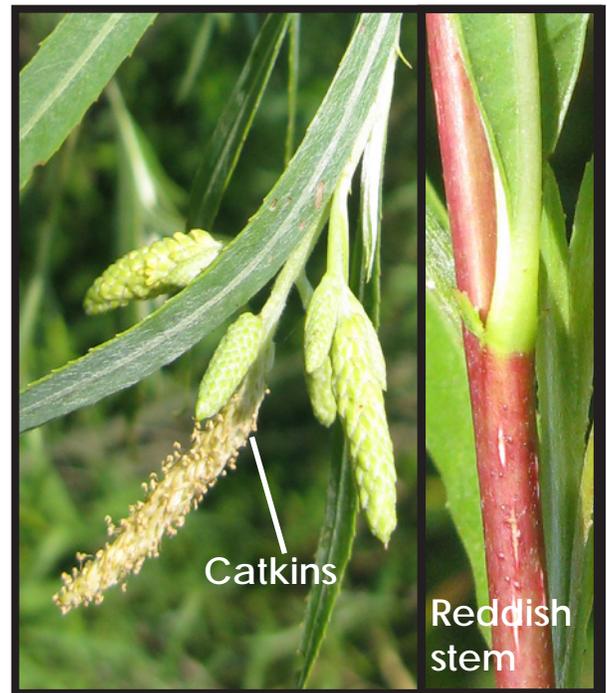
Sandbar willow

Salix interior

Minnesota C-Value: 2

Wetland Indicator Status: OBL

Native



Leaves: Alternate, simple, with far-spaced small teeth. Leaves 10 times longer than wide.

Stems: Shrub growing 2-5 m high. New growth of twigs and branches is red-orange in color.

Flowers and fruit: Many elongated spikes (catkins), male and females on separate trees.

Plant communities: Shrub-carrs, floodplains, shallow marshes, wet meadows.

Comments: Previously classified as *Salix exigua*. Very common willow of Minnesota wetlands. Aggressively forms massive clonal stands and is an early colonizer of disturbed sites. Distinguished by its shrub-like form, red-orange twigs, lack of stipules, and long leaves with irregular serration.