

# Weeping Willow (Common Name)

*Salix babylonica* (Scientific Name)



## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 30' – 50' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 36"

Powerline Friendly: 30' – 50' from base

Root Damage Potential: High

Leaves: light green, narrowly linear to 6 inches, finely serrate. Branches slender and strongly pendulous; fine texture.

Flowers: Small catkin-like dusty white to pale yellow flowers, small and inconspicuous



## ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: High

BVOC Emissions: High

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: Yes

Tree Care: Performs best in full sun in moderately fertile, medium to wet, well-drained soil. Easy to grow, easy to care for, and desert tolerant.

Ecosystem Services: Contains tannins and salicin that can be used to treat mastitis, toothaches, and scalds. In China, the bark has been used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, fevers, and jaundice.

