*Salix caroliniana* - coastal plain willow
Willow Family (Salicaceae)

**Rarity Rank:** S1/G5

![Rarity Rank: S1/G5](image)

**Range:** TX north to KS then eastward to PA and FL

**Recognition:**
- Small tree, up to 20 m tall
- Mature leaves whitish underneath, sparsely pubescent (particularly along the midribs) and up to 2.5 cm wide (leaves of other Louisiana willows are green to yellow-green below)
- Leaf margins finely toothed, the teeth with yellowish glandular tips
- Stipules broadly kidney-shaped, often persistent during the growing season

**Flowering Time:** February to April

**Light Requirement:** Full sun to part shade

**Wetland Indicator Status:**
- OBL – almost always in wetlands

**Habitat:**
In the southeast US occurs along river banks, sand and gravel bars, ditches, swamps and marshes. The lone documented Louisiana record is in a depression in pine flatwoods near Slidell. Reports from parishes other than St. Tammany warrant investigation as these are apparently based on old specimens housed at US National Herbarium, US National Arboretum, and New York Botanical Garden that need to be examined.

**Threats:**
- Residential and commercial development
- Lack of status information

**Beneficial Management Practices:**
Investigate historical reports; verify identification of voucher specimens

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**LA River Basins:** Pearl, Pontchartrain, Atchafalaya, Vermilion-Teche, Calcasieu, Sabine, Ouachita.

References:


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