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Pacific Willow (*Salix lucida lasiandra*)

Distribution

Pacific Willow is adapted to grow in lower to mid-elevations from Alaska through British Columbia, throughout Washington and Oregon, as well as northwestern California.

Growth Habit

Pacific Willow is a vigorous-growing large shrub or small tree and can grow up to 30 feet tall. Its leaves are long and narrow with a pointed tip. They are a medium glossy green with a whitish bloom on the underside.

Adaptability

It thrives in moist, well-drained areas. It is tolerant of a wide range of soil types and drainage classes. It has shown to be tolerant of seasonal flooding, which makes it suitable for planting in reservoir draw down zones.

Comments

- Pacific Willow is an excellent species for stream bank and riparian area restoration.
- Its size and stature can provide shade along streams, reducing in-stream water temperatures.
- They are often planted as windbreaks to protect livestock, enhance production and for soil conservation.

