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Scoulers Willow (*Salix scouleriana*)

Distribution

Scoulers Willow can commonly be found in the Pacific Northwest from low elevations up to as high as 10,000 feet.

Growth Habit

Scoulers willow is a deciduous shrub or multi-stemmed small tree that can grow from 6 to 25 feet tall. Young branches are velvety dark brown to yellowish brown that turn grey with maturity.

Adaptability

Scoulers willow is a true upland willow that grows best in streamside thickets, lakeshores, wetland margins and forest edges. It has the ability to rapidly colonize disturbed sites. It is fairly shade tolerant and can withstand up to 63 inches of precipitation a year on well drained soils. It is also found at low elevation but rarely on wet or saline soils.

Comments

- Willow bark has aspirin equivalent properties.
- Scoulers willow may also be known as pussy willow or fire willow.
- Shoots are consumed by wildlife especially in the winter to early spring.
- Honey bees use Scoulers willow for brood rearing, food and pollination.
- Decoctions of twigs have been used to treat pimples, body odor and diaper rash.

