

# North Dakota Tree Selector

**Scientific Name:** *Salix pentandra*

**Family:** Salicaceae (Willow)

**Hardiness:** Zone 3

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Growth**

**Rate:** Fast

**Mature Height:** 25' - 45'

**Longevity:** Long

**Power Line:** No

**Ornamental**

**Flowers:** Inconspicuous

**Fruit:** n/a

**Fall Color:** Yellow

## Laurel Leaf Willow

### Description

A small to medium-sized tree that is often seen in a shrubby form. One of the first to leaf out in spring and last to drop its leaves in autumn. Attractive, highly glossy leaves and round crown. The largest tree in North Dakota is 45 feet tall with a canopy spread of 36 feet.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun to partial shade.

**Water:** Does well on moist sites and survives flooding. May die back during extended drought.

**Soil:** Performs best on deep loam soils along streams or wetlands.

### Comments

Laurel leaf willow is considered to have the best foliage of all the willows with dark green lustrous color in summer.

Used as food and cover by a number of wetland animals. Wood is often used for firewood, furniture and crafts.

'Prairie Reflection'- A handsome, round-headed variety released by NDSU.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook



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