

Checklist of Salix species and hybrids - Beds, Cambs, Hunts, Northants and Peterborough

Species

Scientific specific name	Common name	Beds	Cambs	Hunts	Northants & P'boro	Height (m)
<i>pentandra</i>	Bay Willow	R (planted)	VR (planted)	VR (planted)	VR (planted)	7 (17)
<i>euxina</i>	Eastern Crack Willow	C	F	C	C	15 (30)
<i>alba</i>	White Willow	C	C	C	C	15 (30)
<i>triandra</i>	Almond Willow	O	F	F	O	10
<i>eriocephala</i>	Heart-leaved Willow		VR (planted)			2
<i>purpurea</i>	Purple Willow	R	F	F	O	5
<i>daphnoides</i>	European Violet-willow	VR (planted)	VR (planted)	VR (planted)	R (planted)	8 (12)
<i>viminialis</i>	Osier	F	C	C	C	6 (10)
<i>gmelinii</i>			VR (planted)			8
<i>cf udensis</i>			VR (planted)			5
<i>caprea</i>	Goat Willow	C	C	VC	VC	10
<i>cinerea cinerea</i>	Grey Willow	F	C	VC	O	6 (10)
<i>cinerea oleifolia</i>	Rusty Willow	C	C	F	C	10 (15)
<i>aurita</i>	Eared Willow	VR	VR	Ext as native; VR (planted)	R	2.5
<i>mysinifolia (nigricans)</i>	Dark-leaved Willow		VR		VR (planted)	4
<i>repens</i>	Creeping Willow	Ext	VR	VR		1.5

Common hybrids

parents	Hybrid name	Beds	Cambs	Hunts	Northants & P'boro
<i>alba x euxina</i>	<i>x fragilis</i> , Hybrid Crack Willow	R	F	O	F
<i>alba x babylonica</i>	<i>x sepulcralis</i> , Weeping Willow	C, gardens	C, gardens etc.	C, gardens	C, gardens
<i>alba x babylonica x euxina</i>	<i>x pendulina</i> , Weeping Crack-willow	O, gardens	O, gardens	O, gardens	O, gardens
<i>cinerea x viminialis</i>	<i>x holosericea (x smithiana)</i> , Silky-leaved Osier	O	O-F	O	R
<i>caprea x cinerea x viminialis</i>	<i>x calodendron</i> , Holme Willow	O	R-O	O	R
<i>caprea x cinerea</i>	<i>x reichardtii</i>	R	F	R?	R
<i>caprea x viminialis</i>	<i>x smithiana (x sericans)</i> , Broad-leaved Osier	O	F	R?	R

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C - common

R - rare

F - frequent

V - very

O - occasional

Ext - extinct

Rare hybrids

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<i>alba x euxina x pentandra</i>	<i>x meyeriana</i> , Shiny-leaved Willow	VR (planted?)	VR (mainly planted)		
<i>euxina x triandra</i>	<i>x alopecurioides (x speciosa)</i>		VR (planted) or absent		
<i>alba x pentandra</i>	<i>x ehrhartiana</i> , Ehrhart's Willow		VR		
<i>triandra x viminalis</i>	<i>x mollissima</i> , Sharp-stipuled Willow	VR	VR	R	VR
<i>purpurea x triandra</i>	<i>x leiophylla</i>				VR
<i>purpurea x viminalis</i>	<i>x rubra</i>	R	VR	VR	VR
<i>purpurea x cinerea</i>	<i>x pontederiana (x sordida)</i>				VR
<i>aurita x cinerea</i>	<i>x multinervis</i>	VR	VR	R	VR
<i>aurita x viminalis</i>	<i>x fruticosa</i> , Shrubby Osier			VR	Ext
<i>aurita x caprea</i>	<i>x capreola</i>	VR	VR		VR
<i>aurita x repens</i>	<i>x ambigua</i>		Ext or absent		
<i>caprea x myrsinifolia</i>	<i>x latifolia</i>		VR		VR (planted)
<i>cinerea x purpurea x viminalis</i>	<i>x forbyana</i>	VR	VR		
<i>cinerea x repens</i>	<i>x subsericea</i>		VR	VR or Ext	
<i>cinerea x myrsinifolia</i>	<i>x puberula (x strepida)</i>		VR		
<i>viminalis x caprea x aurita</i>	<i>x stipularis</i> , Eared Osier	VR (planted)			

1 Nomenclature follows *New Flora of the British Isles*, 4th ed. (C.Stace, 2019 C&M Floristics). Some older names appear in brackets after the Stace name.

2 The recent determination that *fragilis* is itself a hybrid between *alba* and *euxina* has been ignored for the purposes of this checklist

3 Willows and osiers are widely planted so the status of any individual of any taxon is open to question. Some species or hybrids may be entirely of planted origin in a county but it is usually impossible to be certain about this. *S. daphnoides* is not native to the British Isles.

4 Most hybrids are likely to be under-recorded

5 Height given is usual maximum height with extreme given in brackets following

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