



# *Salix viminalis*

## Common Osier, Basket Willow, Silky Osier



### TYPES OF PLANTING

**Tree types:** standard trees, multi-stemmed trees, woodland planting stock | **Other types of planting:** undergrowth

### USE

**Location:** park, central reservation, large garden, countryside, ecological zone, windbreak, bioswale, coastal area | **Pavement:** none, open | **Planting concepts:** Prairie planting, Eco planting, Landscape planting

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** vase-shaped, wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 3 - 8 m | **Width:** 3 - 6 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 4A - 9B

### ASPECTS

**Wind:** tolerant to wind, slightly tolerant to coastal wind | **Soil:** sabulous clay, heavy clay, light clay | **Nutrient level:** rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** moist, wet, very wet | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** neutral, alkaline (5.6 - 7.8) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, nectar value 5, pollen value 5 | **Extreme environments:** tolerant to dryness, tolerates air pollution, tolerant to short-term flooding

### PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** catkins, discrete, pendulous | **Flower colour:** golden yellow | **Flowering period:** April - May | **Leaf colour:** green, underside grey | **Leaves:** deciduous, lanceolate, narrow, underside hairy | **Fruits:** discrete, catkins | **Fruit colour:** green | **Bark colour:** grey | **Bark:** smooth | **Twig colour:** yellow, green | **Root system:** extensive, highly branched, root suckers