

# SHELMERDINE

## SECOND NATURE



### **Flamingo Willow** *Salix integra 'Flamingo'*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Dappled Willow

#### **Description:**

One of the showiest of shrubs for foliage color, new growth emerges soft pink and white, literally bathing the plant with color in spring, fades to white variegation in summer; should be pruned every winter for maximum effect; tough and adaptable

#### **Ornamental Features**

Flamingo Willow has attractive white-variegated green foliage with hints of pink which emerges pink in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour. The smooth bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Flamingo Willow is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Flamingo Willow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



*Flamingo Willow foliage*  
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## **Planting & Growing**

Flamingo Willow will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

**At Shelmerdine, we treat this plant as a "HOBBY PLANT" meaning that it is not recognized as winter-hardy in our Zone 3 climate. However, there is a possibility that it could survive winter. Regardless of whether it survives a winter or not, this plant is only warrantied until Nov. 1 of its season of purchase.**