

# Salix babylonica

## COMMON NAMES

weeping willow

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMILAR TAXA

A tree and shrub that is mostly deciduous (Department of Conservation 1996). Leaves are usually alternate, trunks sometimes lying down and rooting at the nodes (Department of Conservation 1996). The leaves are lanceolate or elliptic to oval and sometimes shallowly toothed (Department of Conservation 1996). A plant that produces catkins (Department of Conservation 1996).

## HABITAT

A tree often found in wet areas adjacent to, or in forest remnants (Porteus 1993). A plant that grows on riverbanks, lakesides, drainage canals and wet places (Department of Conservation 1996). A plant that forms dense stands in rivers and drains (Department of Conservation 1996). A plant that invades communities dominated by native plant species e.g. willow in manuka at Whangamarino (West 1993).

## GENUS

Salix

## FAMILY

Salicaceae

## AUTHORITY

Salix babylonica L.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1883

## ORIGIN

China

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

There are many species in New Zealand but often only represented by a single clone (Department of Conservation 1996). The brittle and easily broken shoots grow extremely easily (*ibid.*).

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to willow species and hybrids present in New Zealand](#)



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