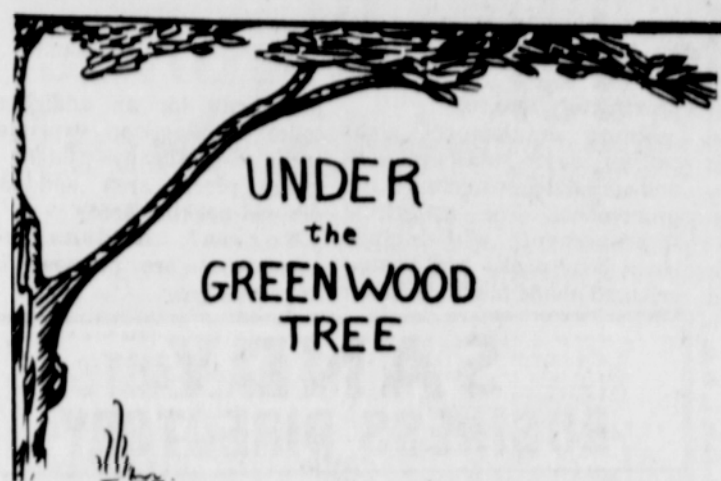




UNDER the GREENWOOD TREE

The Water Trees

The Willow family, Salicaceae, contains two genera of trees, the Willows proper, Salix; and the Cottonwoods, Poplars, and Aspen of the Populus genus.

Both are large genera containing many species. Natural hybrids are common, further confusing these two groups.

Oregon has at least six native species of Willow, probably more, and two native Populus species.

Bitter bark is one character of this family. The bark of the Willows is extremely bitter. The bark of the Cottonwoods and Aspens of the Populus genus is bitter, but not to the same degree. It has a medicinal odor to it that both flavors and scents it.

This has proven to be irresistible to beavers. As long as there is one aspen or cottonwood about, these animals eat this bark to the exclusion of all others.

The trees of this family are dioecious, that is, any individual tree is of one sex. The showy male catkins are among the first signs of forest life in the early spring or late winter. The female trees bear more somber catkins which are usually longer and plain green in color.

Along any river, any newly exposed sandbar or beach is first colonized by one of our commoner Willows, Salix Fluvialtilis.

This is our Sandbar Willow. In other parts of the country, similar Willows are known as Sandbar Willows, so the term Sandbar Willow means one thing here, and refers to an entirely different species on the Mississippi River, for one example.

S. Fluvialtilis is instantly recognized by its long narrow leaves of variable width. This pale green leaf has many variations, some on the same tree. Some leaves are twisted, some are straight.

Some have wavy margins, some are flat. Most are toothed, but some are smooth margined.

The larger trunks have grey-brown bark, but young twigs are golden. Most often found in dense stands of tall slight whips, this tree is capable of growing to 50 feet tall and 20 inches in diameter.

Its usual form is a narrow crown containing many short upright branches at the top. A big specimen will have a long clear trunk below the narrow crown.

The Silky Willow is a small

willow that does not grow in so limited a range. Salix Sitchenensis is apt to be found back from the stream edges more than right on the stream as is the Sandbar Willow.

This tree never exceeds 25 feet in height or ten inches in diameter. It is usually not over 12 feet tall.



Salix Sitchenensis

It has a leaf that is broader towards the tip, deep green in color with white silky hairs on the reverse. It is this white silk underside of the leaf that gives this Pacific slope native its name.



Female Branch Sandbar Willow

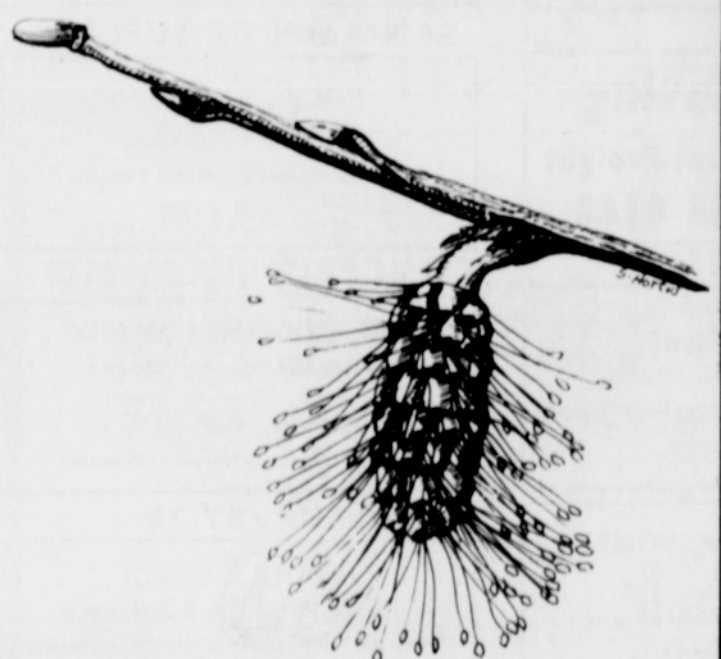
Salix Fluvialtilis ranges from Alaska to California and up into our western mountains to the highest timber zone.

Young twigs are reddish yellow with bark on older twigs getting quite greyish after the second year.

The male flower of the Silky Willow is a short catkin with long filaments carrying the pollen bearing anthers. On both the Sandbar and Silky Willows the female catkins are short racemes of small seed carrying capsules.

In all Willows the seed is ripened and shed by late spring, allowing the tree to put the rest of its summer efforts into building up the buds for next year.

As in all Willows, the leaves



Male Catkin Silky Willow



STACKS OF lumber mean progress on construction of new upper grade wing at Sandy Grade School. Work is being done by C.E. Klock and Son construction company. (Post Photo)

Orchestra Festival dated

Symphonic music—everything from Bach to the Beatles—will echo throughout Mt. Hood Community College Saturday, March 31.

Forty-one orchestras from high schools, junior highs and middle schools in Oregon and Washington will compete at the annual Northwest Orchestra Festival.

They'll play before a panel of top judges including: James Eoff, Portland Junior Symphony assistant director; Harry Katzman, retired concertmaster for the "Bell Telephone Hour;" Sammy

Piassa, professional musician and instructor; Fred Sautter, University of Portland music professor and first trumpet player with the Oregon Symphony; Gordon Solie, PSU music professor; and John Stehn, originator of music departments at University of Oregon and PSU.

Finalists from five divisions will compete for first and second place trophies at 7:30 pm in the college gym. The performance is open to the public and tickets will be sold at the door.

The public is also invited to

attend preliminary competition from 10 am-5 pm, in the college theater and Vista Dining Center. Admission is free.

String instruments and symphonic sheet music will be displayed in the theater lobby throughout the day.

Recorder gone

Patricia O. Buckley, 3003 SE 150th, reported to sheriff's deputies that \$26 in cash and a cassette recorder valued at \$70 were stolen from her residence sometime between March 18 and 25.

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Junior class sets carnival
The junior class at Sandy High will hold a carnival Saturday, March 31, starting at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria.
There is no admission charge. Script will be sold for 15 cents a ticket. These may be used to purchase refreshments, games of chance, and drawings for three door prizes.
Proceeds from the carnival will go towards the junior-senior prom.
Cans emptied
Melvin Sasse, 216 NE Division reported to Gresham police March 16 that his residence had been entered and \$197 in coins stolen. They were in two coffee cans and two cigar boxes.

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