

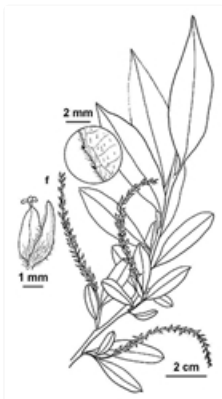
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leafy stem with female catkins with developing seeds (var. *vitellina*). Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, ACT



Winter tree. Photographer Hermann Falkner, Austria



Line drawings (var. *vitellina*). f. flowering branchlet (female); catkin scale and ovary. M.Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board,

## Common name

White Willow (var. *alba*), Golden Willow (var. *vitellina*)

## Family

Salicaceae

## Where found

Near fresh water. Sydney area and west towards Cowra, along the Hume Highway, and Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced deciduous** tree to 20 m high; sometimes with several trunks diverging from ground level. Bark grey-brown, rough, deeply fissured with age. Main branches **erect**; smaller branches often shortly weeping. Stems at first densely **appressed** hairy, often becoming hairless, shiny yellow- to red-brown. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–13 cm long, 5–25 mm wide, upper surface hairy or becoming hairless, lower surface grey or somewhat **glaucous**; margins very finely but sharply toothed with a small **gland** in the notch in front of each tooth, tips pointed, **stipules** small, soon lost. Male and female flowers on separate plants. Individual flowers often small, with 0 **petals**, in cylindrical clusters (**catkins**), appearing at the ends of the stems with the new leaves. Male catkins many-flowered, 30–90 mm long, 5–11 mm in diameter; female catkins 30–60 mm long, 5–7 mm in diameter. Flowers spring. Reproduces by seed and vegetatively via the rooting of detached twigs or branches.

A Weed of National Significance. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions all NSW. Pest plant ACT. Noxious weed Vic.

**var. *alba***: Twigs brownish or olive-green; leaves persistently shiny hairy above.

**var. *vitellina***: Twigs yellow or orange (especially conspicuous in the winter months); leaves becoming hairless.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Salix~alba> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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