

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Leafy stems. Photographer Wouter Hagens, unknown place



Trunk. Photographer Wouter Hagens, unknown place



Leafless tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Jerrabomberra Wetlands, ACT

Common name

Tortured Willow

Family

Salicaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Along streams. North from Wollongong. Occasionally elsewhere. Doubtfully **naturalised** in the ACT.

Notes

Introduced weeping tree to 15 m high with a short single trunk. Bark pale grey-brown, shallowly fissured with age. Upper branches, twigs and shoots weeping, strongly overlapping. Twigs at first densely hairy, soon hairless and lustrous, green to dark greenish-brown. Leaves **alternating** down the stems, 8–13 cm long, 10–25 mm wide, strongly twisted, surfaces finally hairless, margins toothed, tips gradually tapering to a point. Male and female flowers on separate plants. Female plants only known. Individual flowers with 0 **petals**, in dense-flowered cylindrical clusters (**catkins**) 10–20 mm long, on short leafy shoots. Catkin **scales** pale yellow-green. No seeds produced. Flowers Aug.–Oct.

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

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Salix~matsudana~cv.+;qu;Tortuosa;qu;> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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