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## Plant Finder



### Arctic Blue Willow

*Salix purpurea 'Nana'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

#### Description:

A beautiful and popular garden shrub with fine foliage, fine whip-like branches and a consistent, rounded habit of growth; quite hardy, takes pruning well; use for its form and texture to create interest in the garden

#### Ornamental Features

Arctic Blue Willow has bluish-green deciduous foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The narrow leaves turn yellow in fall. The smooth bark and deep purple branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

#### Landscape Attributes

Arctic Blue Willow is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Arctic Blue Willow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



*Arctic Blue Willow*  
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*Arctic Blue Willow foliage*  
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### Planting & Growing

Arctic Blue Willow will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even 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.