**Weeping Willow** (Common Name)

**Salix babylonica** (Scientific Name)

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Canopy potential: 30’ – 50’ wide
- Annual Growth Rate: 36”
- Powerline Friendly: 30’ – 50’ from base
- Root Damage Potential: High
  
  Leaves: light green, narrowly linear to 6 inches, finely serrate. Branches slender and strongly pendulous; fine texture.
  
  Flowers: Small catkin-like dusty white to pale yellow flowers, small and inconspicuous

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Water Use: Moderate
- Edible Fruit Producing: No
- Allergenic: High
- BVOC Emissions: High
- Sonoran Desert Native: No
- Invasive Species: Yes

Tree Care: Performs best in full sun in moderately fertile, medium to wet, well-drained soil. Easy to grow, easy to care for, and desert tolerant.

Ecosystem Services: Contains tannins and salicin that can be used to treat mastitis, toothaches, and scalds. In China, the bark has been used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, fevers, and jaundice.