

## *Salix cinerea*, Gray Florists willow

Willows are another family that are difficult to identify but have a number of invasive species contained within. Grey Florist's willow invades wet soils and brackish wetland areas and can tolerate both permanent waterlogging and extremely acidic water.

**Population Status:** Confirmed- LIISMA. ME to LA.

**Description:** This tree can grow to 33 feet tall, which is a smaller size for a mature tree. The bark is a darkish grey-brown color and becomes fissured with age. Leaves are shiny on top with small grey hairs on the bottom.

**Control:** No manual control options for mature trees, smaller trees can be pulled up.

**Look-alikes:** Most forms of native and nonnative willows, notably Pussy Willow (native) which can be differentiated through the hairs on the leaf undersides.

**Flower Time and Description:** Flowers are grown as catkins which appear even before the leaves in the spring and grow to 3 cm long.

