

***Salix ovalifolia* Trautv. var.**

ovalifolia

(Oval Leaf Willow)

&

***Salix ovalifolia* Trautv. var.**

arctolitoralis

(Arctic Seashore Willow)

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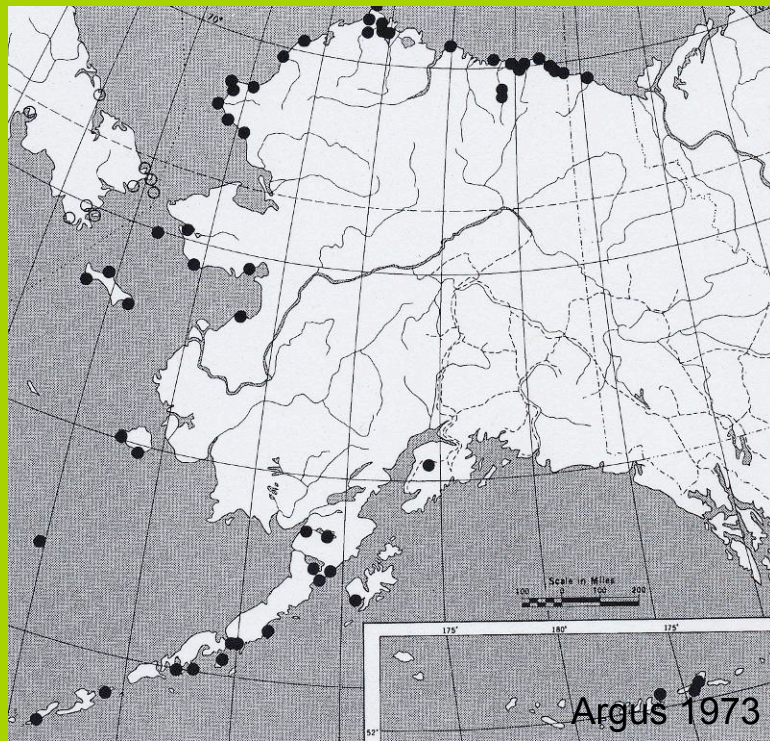


Habitat

- Tundra
- Coastal Beaches
- Saline meadows
- Never far from sea
- Dwarf shrub
- Trailing habit

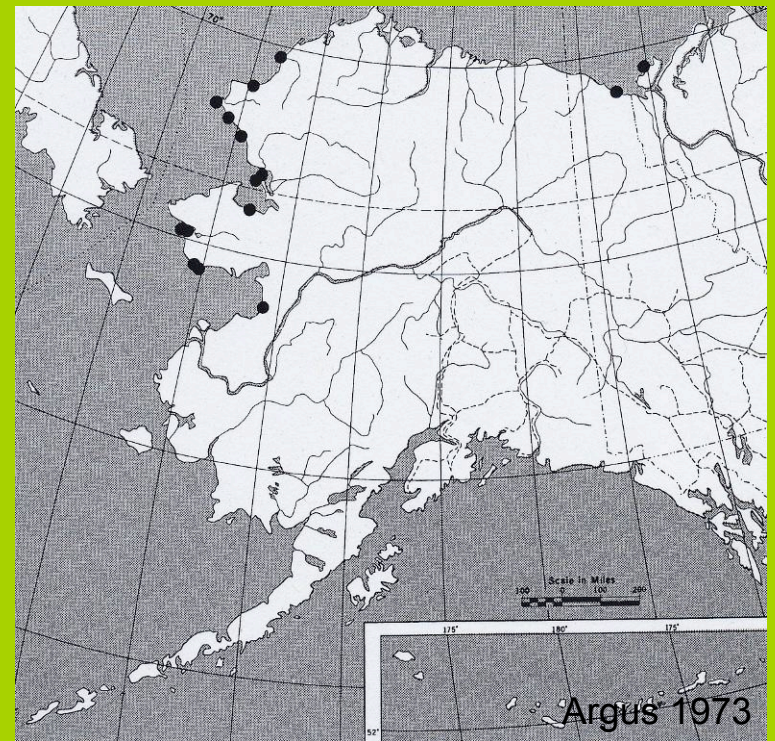
Location

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Arctic: Firth River, Yukon Territory; westward along the coast to Alaska Peninsula; Kodiak Island; Aleutian Islands

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Arctic: Northeastern Alaskan coast; Unalakleet to Point Lay; northern Yukon; Mackenzie Delta

Location

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Green

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Orange



Google Earth 2009

Salicaceae

Willow Family

- Shrubs, trees
- Dioecious
- Inflorescence
spicate or
racemose catkins
- Imperfect
- Calyx absent or
connate
- Corolla absent
- Stamens 2-many
- Carpels 2-4
connate
- Superior ovary
- Fruit capsule,
comose seeds

Salicaceae

- Genera

- Species

- Interactive Identification of New World Salix using Intkey-
George W. Argus

- <http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/willow/index.htm>

Identifying Difficulties

- Hybrids
- Developmental variability
- Phenotypic variability

Key to Species

1. Dwarf or prostrate, under 2dm tall
 1. Pistillate flowers one nectary; catkins on floriferous branchlets
 2. Pistils glabrous
 3. Leaves glaucous beneath
 4. Branchlets glabrous-pubescent; leaves thin, elliptic to subcircular; petioles 2-20mm long; bracts brown to blackish; pistils reddish, purplish or greenish
 5. Pistillate nectaries longer than or equal to the stipes; leaf margins usually entire; petioles usually 4-20mm long
 6. Leaves glossy above, base acute to rounded or subcordate
 7. Branches long, non-glaucous; styles 0.2-0.8 mm long

Salicaceae

9. Leaves obovate to narrowly elliptic

a. **Leaves** obovate, elliptic or broadly elliptic;
pistillate aments generally shorter;
pistils 2.5-4 mm long---

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b. **Leaves** narrowly elliptic, 2.5-4.6cm long;
pistillate aments 2.2-5 cm long;
pistils 5.2-9.6 mm long---

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Leaves

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Leaves

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1.3-2.8cm obovate
Broadly elliptic

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2.5-4.6cm oblanceolate
Narrowly elliptic

Pistils

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Pistils 2.5-4.0 mm

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Pistils 5.2-9.6 mm

Pistillate Catkins

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0.9-2.8 cm long catkins

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2.0-5.0 cm long catkins

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