

FACT SHEET

'Oneida' *Salix purpurea* x *S. miyabeana*

'Oneida' is a high-yielding shrub willow that is disease resistant, produces multiple small stems, and is aesthetically appealing. It is well suited for biomass plantings, privacy hedges, snowfences, and ornamental plantings.





Botanical Name: *Salix purpurea* × *S. miyabeana* 'Oneida'
(Family: Salicaceae)

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Hardiness: U.S.D.A. Zones 4 - 6

Development: 'Oneida' was produced by crossing *Salix purpurea* '94006' with *S. miyabeana* 'SX67' in 1999 as part of a research project to produce new willow cultivars that generate high biomass yields on a variety of sites, display resistance to diseases and pests, and possess agronomic traits suitable for mechanical planting, harvesting, and post-harvest processing.

Significance: 'Oneida' is a shrub willow cultivar displaying exceptionally rapid growth, producing greater than 4 dry tonnes per acre in yield trials, and exhibiting low incidence of rust disease, mammal browsing, or damage by beetle, potato leaf hopper or stem sawfly. Woody stems can be harvested every three to four years, and new shoots will re-sprout the following season. Repeated harvesting of shrub willow plantations can be sustained for at least 15 years.

Description:

Height and Width: 15-20 feet tall, 3-5 foot crown spread at 3 years when grown at 2 x 3 foot spacing.

Habit: Fast-growing, upright, deciduous shrub with multiple small-diameter, vertical stems.

Foliage: Green oblong leaves, typically 3-4.5 inches long, 0.5-1 inches wide, with foliage April through October in Zone 5.

Bark: Grey-orange when young, turning yellow-green with slightly cracking bark and red lenticels with age; dark red buds in winter.

Flowers: Male, early spring.

Seeds: No seeds produced.

Culture: Adaptable to a wide range of soil and moisture conditions. Prefers maximum sunlight.

Propagation: Roots easily from dormant stem cuttings.

Uses: Excellent for bioenergy plantations, privacy hedges, living snow-fences, and ornamental plantings.

Availability: Available from Double A Willow (www.doubleawillow.com)

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