

FACT SHEET

'SV1' *Salix hybrid*

'SV1' is a fast-growing shrub willow. This species produces high biomass yields across a variety of sites, is disease resistant and moderately pest resistant, and is well suited for biomass plantings and privacy hedges.





Botanical Name: *Salix hybrid* 'SV1'
(Family: Salicaceae)

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

Origins: 'SV1' was obtained from the University of Toronto as part of a research project to develop new willow varieties 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. It was originally collected in Brantford, Ontario.

Significance: 'SV1' is a shrub willow cultivar displaying exceptionally rapid growth, annually producing 4-6 dry tons of woody biomass per acre in yield trials, and displays low incidence of rust disease or damage by sawfly or potato leaf hopper. 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, deciduous shrub with multiple small-diameter, vertical stems.

Foliage: Dark green oblong leaves, typically 2-3 inches long, 1-1.5 inches wide, with foliage April through October in Zone 5.

Bark: Brown when young, turning green and smooth with age.

Flowers: Female, early spring.

Seeds: Viable seeds produced in early spring.

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, and in ornamental plantings.

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

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