Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Salix nigra*:

*S. amygdaloides* N. Anderson  
(Peach-Leaf Willow)  
(*Salix nigra* var. *amygdaloides*, *Salix wrightii*)

This species is also known as Almond Willow, Almond-Leaf Willow, Peach Willow, Southwestern Peach Willow, Wright Willow, or Wright’s Peach-Leaf Willow; *Salix amygdaloides* is a small to medium size deciduous tree with an irregular generally upright to rounded canopy; branches may be erect or pendulous; young twigs range from yellow-green, to orange or reddish; the lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate leaves resemble those of Peach (*Prunus persica*); in fact the specific epithet means like-amygdalus, an old name for peach, in reference to the peach-like leaves.

This species’ native range resembles a large irregular oriental fan in shape with the handle in high elevation sites in West Texas and New Mexico and the fan arching from Washington, to Northcentral Canada to the Great Lakes region; here it is found in low wet areas, along stream courses, and around water features; although scattered about a very large native range, *S. amygdaloides* is seldom encountered with great frequency in any particular region; *Salix amygdaloides* is short-lived and seldom planted in conventional landscapes, but it could be used to stabilize banks in wet areas prone to erosion; based on this plant’s native range it can probably be grown in USDA zones 3(2) to 8(9a) with proper provenance selection.

Copyright 2006 with all rights reserved by Michael A. Arnold; intended for future inclusion in *Landscape Plants for Texas and Environs*, Third Edition.