



## Salix alba 'Chermesina'



<b>Height</b>	10 - 15 m, fast growing
<b>Width</b>	6-10m
<b>Crown</b>	broad ovoid, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs orange-red to red, yellow-brown to grey, deep corky grooved
<b>Leaf</b>	lanceolate, bright green, 6 - 12 cm long, dark green
<b>Flowers</b>	yellow catkins, about 5 cm long, April
<b>Fruits</b>	none: male cultivar, fruitless cultivar
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	moist and wet, preferably calcareous
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for wet soil, withstand short flood, withstand long flood
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for butterflies
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Germany, circa 1840
<b>Synonyms</b>	Salix alba var. britzensis

Salix alba 'Chermesina' (syn. S. alba britzensis) is a male cultivar that grows to become a medium-large tree with an approx. height of 10 - 15 m. It is sometimes used as a pollard willow. The trunk has deep, corky grooves. The decorative value of the orange-red to red twigs is striking. 'Chermesina' is a remarkable sight, particularly in the winter months. Frequent pruning stimulates the growth of new, strikingly coloured twigs. The lanceolate leaves are dark green and have silvery hairs. Grows in moist to wet places. Winter hardiness zone: 4