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The Black Willow (*Salix nigra*) is considered either a shrub or a tree that is usually found along streams, within marshes, or in sunny areas. Black willows provide a major food source to animals throughout the watershed such as whitetailed deer, rabbits, and beavers. The nectar that they produce is consumed by bees and butterflies, while the shrub itself provides shelter to birds and small mammals.