



## Salix babylonica 'Tortuosa'



<b>Height</b>	6 - 10 (14) m
<b>Crown</b>	oval to rounded, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	yellowish grey, grooved, twigs yellowish green, very twisted
<b>Leaf</b>	lanceolate, bright green, curved, 7 - 12 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	approx. 2.5 cm long flower catkins, pale yellow, March/April
<b>Fruits</b>	catkins
<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 no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °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 bees (honey plant)
<b>Application</b>	parks, cemeteries, large gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem tree
<b>Origin</b>	France, 1924
<b>Synonyms</b>	Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa'

Remarkable tree with very twisted branches, twigs and leaves. Sometimes also cultivated as a shrub. Young trees have an oval crown but as the tree ages, a more round shape develops. When mature, the yellowish grey trunk is deeply grooved. The young twigs twist like a cork screw and are yellowish green. The lanceolate leaves are bright green on top and greyish green underneath. The leaves are 7 - 14 cm long and 1.2 cm wide with a finely serrated edge. The leaves are also very curly, rendering the grey underside very visible. The flowers appear before the leaves emerge. 'Tortuosa' is a decorative tree especially in the winter, with its twisted, yellow branches. The branches are displayed in vases particularly during Easter.