

Saltcedar Distinctive Characteristics



Saltcedar (*Tamarix ramosissima*)

Lifespan: Perennial

Shrub or small tree

Origin: Eurasia

3 - 20 feet tall

Flowering Dates: April - September

Reproduction: Seeds, root sprouts, buried stems

Saltcedar grows in salt marshes, flood plains, lakeshores and along rivers and streams. A mature saltcedar plant can absorb 200 gallons of water and dense stands may cause springs and small streams to dry up. Saltcedar seed resembles the size and color of pepper and spreads by wind and water. A mature plant can produce as many as 500,000 seeds per year. Branches that are cut and left in a warm moist area will regrow.
