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Through this translation, English-speaking readers will gain access to an authoritative reference on willows written by a distinguished Russian botanist whose treatment of the genus *Salix* has been the standard for decades. The monograph is dedicated to willows growing on the territory of the former Soviet Union and adjacent countries including all of Europe, Northern Africa, Asia Minor, West and Northeast China, Mongolia, and North Korea. The author observed many species in their natural environment, cultivated some of them, and accomplished a vast study of domestic and foreign herbarium specimens.

The book offers a comprehensive general discussion on the morphology, variability, ability to produce hybrids, evolution, and ecology of the willows along with detailed treatments for about 135 species. Each individual species entry consists of a thorough review of nomenclature, literature, a description of the habit and habitats of the species, an original map depicting its geographical distribution within the Old World, a detailed verbal description of its geographical distribution, and, if needed, a brief discussion. Species are grouped in 26 sections, each section featuring an identification key to its members. Brief characteristics of the sections are provided along with the general key to help the reader gain a better understanding of willows.

A description of methods for observation, collecting, and studying of willows makes the book valuable not only for experienced investigators but also beginners and amateurs. The book may be used as a reference as well as guide and manual for study of one of the most difficult and confusing plant genera.

