



Saltcedar aka Tamarisk is considered both a deciduous or evergreen shrub that can actually become a 20' or taller small tree. The bark is reddish brown, leaves are small and scale-like, and flowers are pink to white. Introduced from Eurasia for its bank stabilizing ability coupled with its drought resistant properties it has escaped and become naturalized along rivers and reservoirs. Due to recent drought conditions in Colorado this plant has garnered much attention for a single plant can guzzle between 200-300 gallons of water each day. Stands of Tamarisk can form monocultures limiting wildlife habitat and biodiversity.