



This Field Guide was developed by the Cows and Fish program.

Cows and Fish is a partnership between many organizations and agencies concerned about the health and management of riparian areas. Cows and Fish works to foster understanding and appreciation for riparian areas, and how improvements in management can enhance landscape health and productivity for the benefit of landowners and others who use and value these green zones.

This Guide is For...

- ◆ landowners, farmers, ranchers, agency and government staff, and others who use and value riparian areas
- ◆ people whose decisions or actions directly influence riparian health

This Guide is Useful as...

- ◆ a **quick field reference** to help people identify and understand the role, value and benefits of common riparian plants and plant communities
- ◆ a **resource tool** to help people using riparian health assessment field workbooks interpret and complete the plant related questions during riparian health awareness field days or on their own
- ◆ a **support for extension activities** related to community and watershed-based riparian programs, ranging from landowner visits to clarifying plant information in riparian health assessment reports

Remember, this field guide is not a comprehensive riparian plant identification book or riparian health assessment guide. It does not contain all riparian plant species you might find in Alberta, but focuses on some common species. These key species and types of species are ones that you will find value in being familiar with.