

## Saltcedar (*Tamarix* sp.)

**Category:** Containment

**Distribution:** Found along river corridors in southern Idaho

### Diagnostic Characteristics

- Leaves small, alternate, scale-like leaves
- Flowers are small, pale pink to white, arranged in spike-like racemes.
- Distinct petals and sepals occur in fours or fives

### Background

- Spreading shrubs or small trees, 5-20' tall, with many slender branches
- Exudes salt from leaves, salt falls to ground making establishment of many species difficult
- A single large plant can absorb 200 gallons of water a day

