

ONTOGENY OF *SALIX MYRSINIFOLIA* SALISB. – LIFE FORMS: SMALL TREE AND AEROXYL SHRUB

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Abstract. The field studies in the Nizhny Novgorod Region identified two different life forms of *Salix myrsinifolia* Salisb: the **small tree** form and the **aeroxyl shrub** form. Ontogeny of each form from seed germination to senescence and dying off in the senile state was described in detail. The quantitative values of the main biomorphological parameters were determined.

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