



Balsam Poplar
Populus balsamifera
Salicaceae

Description

The habitat of the Balsam Poplar extends to some of the most northern parts of North America. It produces a resin that is very fragrant and unique. It's commonly used in winter candles. The resin is also flammable so twigs and buds can be used as a fire starter.

General Information

Zone: 0-8
Height: 50-80'
Width: 25-40'
Habit: Upright, Oval
Growth Rate: >24" per year

Soil Texture: Loam, Sand
Soil pH: Acidic-Neutral
Exposure: Full Sun
Water Needs: Average, Wet
Soil Drainage: Well-Poorly-Drained
Other Attributes: Flood Tolerant, Salt Tolerant

Fall Color: Yellow
Bloom Color: Green, Yellow
Bloom Time: Spring
Fragrance: None
Fruit Color: White
Fruiting Time: Early Summer
Fruit Flavor: Inedible
Attracts: Bees, Butterflies, Birds

Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](#)
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](#)
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](#)
[WSU PNW Plants](#)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](#)
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(umn.edu\)](#)
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](#)
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](#)