



Plains Cottonwood
Populus deltoides monilifera
 Salicaceae

Description

The Plains Cottonwood is one of North America's largest hardwood trees. Its bark is usually 2-3" thick and is commonly used for woodcarving due to its softness. The "cotton" that the tree produces is commonly associated with seasonal allergies. However, it is the pollen of the tree that generally causes allergies. The "cotton" tends to be produced during hayfever season.

General Information

Zone: 1-7	Soil Texture: Loam, Sand	Fall Color: Yellow
Height: 70-130	Soil pH: Acidic- Neutral	Bloom Color: Brown, Red
Width: 60-100	Exposure: Full Sun	Bloom Time: Spring
Habit: Vase, Spreading, Irregular	Water Needs: Average, Wet	Fragrance: None
Growth Rate: >24" per year	Soil Drainage: Well-Poorly- Drained	Fruit Color: White
	Other: Flood	Fruiting Time: Early Summer
	Attributes: Tolerant, Salt Tolerant	Fruit Flavor: Inedible
		Attracts: Bees, Butterflies, Birds

Resources:

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

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