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# Populus deltoides

## Cottonwood



Also called eastern poplar. Easily transplanted, fast-growing and short-lived. Found along riverbeds and streams in the wild. Cottony seed-bearing tufts, released in great quantities in May and June, can be of seasonal interest or nuisance to residential plantings. Fall color is yellow.

**Suggested companions:** silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), red ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)

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Plant Type: Tree  
Size: 75-100' H  
60-80' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Forested Wetland  
Woodland Margin  
Floodplains

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Sandy/ Gravelly  
Very Damp/Wet  
Clay

Exposure: sun  
filtered  
shade

Flower Color:  
Red

Bloom Time:  
April

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Fall color  
Wildlife attracting  
Bird attracting