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Populus tremuloides

Quaking Aspen



An attractive, small, slender tree, forming large colonies as it suckers along lateral roots. The bark is smooth, and greenish-white, and the fall foliage is a glowing yellow. Leaf stems are flat, rather than rounded; the leaves tremble in the slightest breeze, causing a lovely, shimmering effect. Fast-growing but short-lived, and prone to disease and insect damage.

Suggested companions: chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), sumacs (*Rhus* sp.), asters (*Aster* sp.), goldenrods (*Solidago* sp.), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

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Plant Type: Tree
Size: 35-65' H
20-30' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Woodland Margin
Forested Wetland
Shrubby Wetland

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

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:
Silver

Bloom Time:
March
April

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color