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eastern cottonwood
Populus deltoides

Code: PODE

Status: native



Bark: gray, thick deep furrows with flat-topped ridge

Foliage: alternate, simple, triangular shape with rounded teeth, green & shiny, stem flat

Twigs: gray/green with “bumpy” leaf & bud scar, large sticky yellow/green buds

Flower: dioecious; male: 1 inch reddish catkin; female, sparse yellow-green catkin

Fruit: capsule, 3-4 valves with tufted-cottony seeds; wind/water dispersal