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The triangular leaves are 3-7 inches long and 3-5 inches wide. They terminate in a long point and have curved coarse teeth. The leaf stem is nearly as long as the leaf itself.

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The yellow catkins of the Spring produce a long string of brown capsules. These split in the late Summer and release an abundance of fine cottony seeds.

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A major hardwood tree for the Southeast and Midwest, the Cottonwood is a large tree. It usually has several stout branches in an uplifting vase shape while smaller branches droop.

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The name 'Cottonwood' is derived from the cottony seeds which this tree produces in abundance in the late Summer. A fast grower, this tree is often favored by suburban developers. But like many fast growing trees, the Cottonwood is often short lived.

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