

POPULUS FREMONTII

Western Cottonwood



Moderate water



Full sun to part shade



Attracts butterflies



Native to N. Mexico, SW U.S.

Why we love it...

The tall, billowy silhouette of the Western Cottonwood towers over the tops of most other native trees found growing in the washes around Tucson. This fast – growing, deciduous tree is especially striking when temperatures cool gradually in fall, causing the bright green heart-shaped leaves to take on a golden-yellow glow before dropping from the branches in winter.

Western Cottonwood's foliage is admired not only for its delightful fall color and the ample shade it casts, but also for the way that individual leaves reflect light as they shimmer in the slightest breeze, creating the illusion of a tree that seems to sparkle in the landscape.



Lydia says: This thirsty tree is best located in flood zones where it can get ample water and has plenty of room to grow!

Deciduous Tree: *Populus fremontii*

Size (H x W): 40-50+ feet x 20-40 feet

Blooms: Yellow-green catkins on male trees in Feb, Civano Nursery does not grow female Cottonwoods

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: -30° F, USDA Zone 4

Water: Moderate

Pruning: March

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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