PLANT FACT SHEET

Populus trichocarpa T. & G. ex Hook.

GENUS *Populus* **FAMILY** Salicaceae

COMMON NAMES Black cottonwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Cambium, Sap

The layer between the bark and wood is scraped off and eaten fresh or sun-dried. It cannot be stored as it turns sour. It is the sweet sap that is collected.

DESCRIPTION

A tree that loses its leaves. The bark is rough. It grows 50 m high. The young buds and leaves have a sweet smell. The leaves are heart shaped or triangle shaped and on long stalks. They are rounded at the base and pointed at the tip. There are fine teeth along the edge. Male and female flowers are on separate tress. The flowers on in long catkins that hand down.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on alluvial flood plains. It can tolerate occasional flooding.

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