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Lakota Name: “caᅇyahu” (peel off wood)
“waga caᅇ” (take off wood)
Eastern Cottonwood; Salicaceae

Common English Name: Plains Cottonwood

Botanical Name: Populus deltoides Bartr. ex Marsh.

Native Range: Floodplains

Season of Growth: Dioecious deciduous

Plant Family: Salicaceae, Willow

Common Use:

- **Tree is sacred, trunk serves as Sundance pole**
- Bark, young stems, and twigs eaten by horses.
- Sweet inner bark sometimes eaten by people
- Dyes for arrows and feathers was extracted by boiling buds
- Leaves used as children for making toy tipis and moccasins

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