

# Balsam Poplar



Balsam Poplar can grow up 40-70 feet with a diameter of 24 inches or more. It grows upright narrow, straight top that later becomes somewhat broad. It has a greenish brown to light brown, smooth bark that turns grayish-black and deeply furrowed with flat ridges as it matures. It has a simple shiny green leaf that alternate on the stem. The under leaf is silvery green with rusty blotches and the leaf turns yellow in autumn. This tree grows well throughout northern and central Minnesota and self-pollinates. It has small, cotton like capsules grouped in 4 to 6 inches catkins that are easily carried by wind for long distances. They mature in late spring.