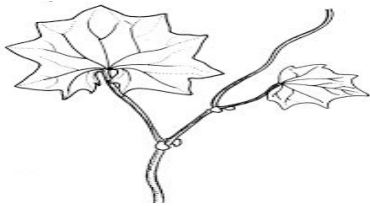


Fremont Cottonwood

(Populus fremontii)



The Fremont cottonwood is native to riparian zones of the southwestern United States and to northernmost parts of Mexico. The bark is smooth when young, becoming deeply fissured with whitish cracked bark when older. Its fruit looks like patches of cotton hanging from its limbs, thus the name cottonwood.

The largest known Fremont cottonwood in the United States grows in Skull Valley, Arizona. In 2012, the tree had a circumference of 55.7 feet and a height of 102 feet. Native Americans used the cottonwood tree for medicines, basket weaving and musical instruments.

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