

Cottonwood

SCIENTIFIC NAME: Populus sect. Aigeiros FAMILY: Salicaceae ORIGIN: North America, Europe, and western Asia

The scientific name for the Cottonwood is Populus section Aigeiros. It is a section of three species in the genus Populus, the poplars. And like some other species in the genus Populus, they are commonly known as cottonwoods. These species are native to North America, Europe, and western Asia.

Here in Indiana in the 1800s and early 1900s the Cottonwood was an important timber tree. And the bark was a favorite of pioneer boys and girls who whittled toys out of it.





We have many huge Cottonwood trees

here...especially along this tree trail near Spring Creek.

And check out the tree house (the Gentleman's Deer Stand) also by Spring Creek. It's supported by Cottonwoods and has one big one growing through its floor and roof!

