

quaking aspen [Salicaceae](#) [Populus tremuloides](#) Michx. 
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Leaf: Alternate, simple, 1 to 3 inches long, green above and paler below, heart-shaped to nearly round with a fine toothed margin, petiole is flattened.

Flower: Species is dioecious; male and female hanging catkins 1 to 3 inches long.

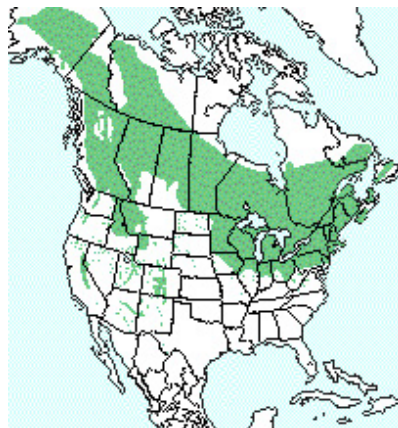
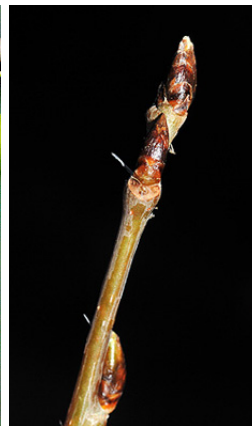
Fruit: Catkin (2 to 4 inches long), with attached light green capsules which contain many small hairy seeds.

Twig: Slender, glabrous, reddish brown often with a gray, waxy film; buds conical, reddish brown, terminal bud 1/4 inch long, may be slightly resinous.

Bark: At first smooth, creamy yellowish-white to very light green; later developing thick furrows and becoming dark, especially near the base.

Form: Small (30 to 40 feet tall) upright tree, which often occurs in thickets.

Looks like: [bigtooth aspen](#) - [black cottonwood](#) - [balsam poplar](#) - [eastern cottonwood](#)



Additional Range Information:
Populus tremuloides is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. [See states reporting quaking aspen.](#)

External Links:
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