



Quaking Aspen

Populus tremuloides

Willow Family (*Salicaceae*)

General Description: Small to medium sized tree that reaches 40-60 ft tall; conical in shape; grows in groves; primarily a mountain species, but can also be found along wetland edges; slightly creamy colored trunk.

Key Characteristics: Alternating bud arrangement; egg-shaped buds with thick brown scales; three distinct bundle scars in kidney shaped leaf scars; younger twig bark is yellow-green to creamy; older twig bark is dark, thick, and warty; slender, contorted reddish branches during the first year; lenticels are small and elliptical.

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