**YELLOW POPLAR**
*Liriodendron tulipifera L.*

**FAMILY:** Magnoliaceae

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**IDENTIFICATION CLUES**

**SIZE:** large tree over 100 feet tall

**LEAF:** simple, smooth, dark green with four lobes; deciduous

**FLOWER:** large, showy yellow and orange tulip-like flowers in the spring

**FRUIT:** long and narrow light brown cone made up of numerous winged seeds (samaras)

**BARK:** Dark green and smooth on young trees; gray and ridged on older trunks

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**Where to Look**

Yellow poplar is found growing on rich moist soils throughout the state of Georgia. It requires full sun and is very common along streams and rivers.

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**Importance to Humans**
The wood of yellow poplar is used extensively by furniture makers. It is also useful as a shade tree for parks because it is a fast grower and has beautiful foliage and flowers.

**Importance to Wildlife**
Hummingbirds enjoy the nectar from the flowers of yellow poplar and the seeds are a favorite of cardinals, purple finch, quail and rabbits. Hollow trunks can provide homes for squirrels and raccoons.