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A fast growing male clone with an upright form that has excellent disease resistance and is long lived.

Botanical Name: *Populus x canadensis* 'Prairie Sky'

Family: *Salicaceae*

Common Name: Prairie Sky Poplar

Origin: A cross made between a vigorous native selection of Cottonwood and the columnar Theves Poplar. The cross was made by Dr. Wilbert Ronald in 1976 at the Morden Research Station, Agriculture Canada.

Hardiness: Zone 3 (Canadian and USDA)

Growth Rate: The growth rate is very fast. An average of 4 feet in height growth and at least 1" of caliper per year can be expected on a fertile site, over a 10 year period. Young trees can show tip kill in cold winters due to the rapid growth rate.

Description: A male tree with a narrow, upright growth habit and small lateral branches. It maintains a dominant central leader and reaches a height of 65-80 feet. The leaf shape is similar to that of the native cottonwood.

Culture: Grows best in full sunlight in a variety of soils, with adequate moisture.

Pest and Disease: No specific problems. Resistant to *Septoria* canker and leaf rust.

Landscape Value: Excellent as a shade tree in parks. Well suited for shelterbelts, naturalized areas and well adapted in areas designated for screen or buffer zones.

Propagation: Hardwood and softwood cuttings.

Sales Potential: Prairie Sky Poplar is the thoroughbred of the poplars for the prairie region. It should be the first choice on sites requiring a tall, fast growing, long lived tree.

Production: Royalty of \$0.10 per plant, registered with COPF.

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