

Idaho Hybrid Poplar

Populus sp.

Distribution: Discovered approximately 40 years ago, this variety is especially well adapted to the climate, soil, and growing conditions encountered in Idaho & eastern Washington.

Growth: Idaho Hybrid Poplar grows rapidly, as much as 6 to 10' a year under irrigated conditions.

Adaptability: Poplars grow best on well-drained soils with high water and nutrient availability. They will grow on just about any type of soil, but as available water and nutrient levels decrease, or drainage becomes limited, growth is reduced. Controlling weeds in your plantation allows all the available nutrients and moisture to be used by the trees, thus improving their growth.

Comments: If properly cultivated, this hybrid will offer quick wind protection or screening. In 5 to 7 years it will be large enough to harvest as firewood. The two most important aspects of planting poplars are the soil and weed control. The tree provides good roosting and nesting tree for hawks and owls, and nesting by many species of birds.

