



Tomentose



There are many botanical terms to describe various types and lengths of hairs on a plant. A plant labeled as tomentose has "a covering of short, matted or tangled, soft, wooly hairs" (per [Plant Identification Terminology](#) by James G. and Melinda Woolf Harris). Here's a perfect example of tomentose: *Paulownia tomentosa*, also known as Princess tree or Empress tree. You can [view the plant portrait video for Princess tree](#), clearly showing the tomentose feature.

Spring Foraging

Foraging resources



This section of the Identify that Plant website acknowledges the growing interest in foraging for plants – whether for medicinal plants, edible wild plants, or plants with practical uses (for clothing, dyes, rope, basketry, fire-making, etc.).

To be included on this resource list, the information needs to be accurate, useful and credible. A key component of foraging – particularly for edible or medicinal plants – is the ability to accurately identify a plant. We know the potential dangers and risks of mis-identification. (There will soon be an online course available through Identify that Plant which thoroughly teaches plant identification skills. The anticipated release date is April or May 2012. To be “in the know” about the course as soon as it is released, sign up for the Identify that Plant newsletter.)

It's the season for spring foraging -- especially for bringing home those edible invasive plants. Leda Meredith spoke at the NC Wild Foods Weekend recently about not only making an accurate identification of a plant and about harvesting "sustainably." Her key point was to know the difference between an invasive edible species and a native edible species. She emphasized using different standards for defining a sustainable harvest of an invasive vs. a native plant.

Here are some [resources to help you learn more about foraging edible wild plants](#).

Mystery Plant Confirmed



Sara was the first to correctly identify [Mystery Plant 072](#) as Cutleaf toothwort (*Cardamine concatenata*). Quite a few people shared their finding (or looking for) this lovely blossoming spring plant.

Mystery Plant

What is the name of this plant? ([There are more images on the website.](#))





When you can identify this plant, provide your response at [IdentifyThatPlant.com](https://www.identifythatplant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 073](#). Please identify the plant by both its common name and its scientific name. The answer will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Confidently master the skill of correct plant identification

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