princesstree (*Paulownia tomentosa*)

• Native to Asia, princess tree was introduced as an ornamental in the 1800’s.
• Opposite, heart-shaped leaves with fuzzy hair on both sides.
• Large panicles of lilac flowers in early spring, followed by seed capsules containing thousands of tiny wind-dispersed seeds.
• Speculative high-value wood exports to Japan led to planting of scattered plantations.
• Invades urban areas, roadsides, forest edges, stream edges, riparian areas, rocky outcrops.