

I Wonder. . .

Why does it look like snow in the neighborhood? Along our daily walk, there is one huge tree where white tufts constantly drift off the tree in the slightest breeze, float across the street, and collect in mounds in a vacant lot. The tufts look like dandelion seeds.

The tree is a Cottonwood, and it's steeped in [Texas history](#). It was a welcome sight to pioneers- the water-loving tree signaled nearby water. According to some lore, the cottonwood is also where our beloved Alamo got its name. Cottonwood is a poplar, which translates to "alamo" in Spanish. Other historians argue that the name Alamo was more likely a nickname from the company of soldiers who occupied the mission for a time.



Image from [Aggie Horticulture](#)

Photo caption contest

Thank you for the fun responses to our photo caption contest! I couldn't pick just one winner, so here's the top two. Please look for your prize in an email :-)
Thanks to everyone for participating!!

"Yes human. Come closer. I have a fun surprise for you!"-Lars Klocek

"Hey, lady, 6 feet!" -Mrs. Tice



“It helped me to look at fields, or water, or flowers. In these things, I found a remembrance of the Creator. I mean that they awakened and recollected me and served as a book.”

-St. Theresa of Avila

Outdoor Adventures

Yesterday at the park we found an [Eastern bluebird](#)! So pretty, but he was rather un-obliging when I tried to take a picture. Have you spotted any unusual birds lately?

Where to find Mrs. Breclaw next week

Exploring nature and beauty from home. Please feel free to email me with any questions you may have, and stay tuned for daily “10 minute nature breaks” to help you through your distance learning adventures!

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Please come by anytime! Let’s chat about how we can work outdoor learning into your lesson plans!

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