



AMERICAN LINDEN

Tilia americana

American linden, also known as basswood, is a large tree that grows in the wild lower on slopes and in moist, well-drained river valleys.

It can be found from the East Coast to the Great Plains.

While there are hybrids, the natural species grows larger—up to 80 feet tall and 60 feet wide.

Though they may not be showy, the tree's flowers have an unmistakably sweet fragrance.

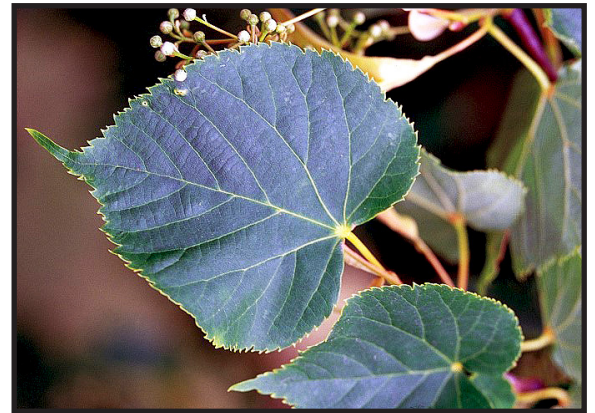
Big heart-shaped leaves nourish beneficial insects, such as moths and butterflies.

An excellent native, American linden is at home in the Midwest, where weather extremes are common.

American linden naturalizes readily, given deep loamy soil to help roots develop. It withstands occasional flooding and dislikes dry sites.

American linden is commonly found in rich woods along with hackberry, elm, cottonwood, and black cherry.

Residential plantings require ample space to allow for growth. American linden is great for large lawns as the tree provides a dense, cool shade.



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