

Little Leaf Linden Tree (*Tilia cordata*)

Alternate Names

The trees are often called lime in Britain and linden in parts of Europe and North America (where they are also known as basswood). The tree is also well known as a honey or bee-tree.

Mature Height

50-100 ft

Leaf Description

Alternate, simple, ovate to cordate, 5 to 6 inches long, with serrate margins, pinnately veined, base is unequally cordate, green above and paler below.

Flower, Fruit, Seed Description

Pale yellow flowers up to $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch wide are pollinated by insects in June. Round hard linden fruits hang from leaf-like bracts up to 4 inches long.

Bark Description

Mature bark is gray to brown, broken by fissures into long, flat-topped scaly ridges.

Geographic Range

American basswood ranges from southwestern New Brunswick and New England west in Quebec and Ontario to the southeast corner of Manitoba; south through eastern North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas to northeastern Oklahoma; east to northern Arkansas, Tennessee, western North Carolina; and northeast to New Jersey.

Habitat

The smaller leaf lindens, such as the Little Leaf Linden, are used in street planting and urban areas for shade.

Tree Silhouette

Tapering trunk with ascending branches, creating rounded crowns.

Adapted From:

Barnard, Edward Sibley, [New York City Trees](#), Columbia University Press, NY, 2002, Wikipedia. Org, About.com Forestry