

Olympic Linden



Olympic Linden *Tilia cordata 'Olympic'*

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Littleleaf Linden, Lime, Smallleaf Lime

Description:

A small shade tree with a broadly pyramidal shape and fragrant yellow flowers in early summer when few trees bloom; very tidy and low maintenance, adaptable, makes an excellent lawn or street tree, great by a pool or deck

Ornamental Features

Olympic Linden is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It features subtle clusters of fragrant yellow flowers with tan bracts hanging below the branches in early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Olympic Linden is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Olympic Linden is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Olympic Linden will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.



Olympic Linden in fall
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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.