



## American Linden or Basswood

*Tilia americana*

Malvaceae

### Description

American trees are native to Minnesota and are often planted on boulevards along streets. They are one of the last trees to produce flowers in the spring and early summer. The flowers are waxy and have a sweet fragrance to them. They can be picked and used fresh in tea similar to chamomile. Honey from this tree is also highly sought after. The tree can also be tapped in the spring to produce syrup similar to Maple syrup. Some hollowed out lindens found in forests can be full of honey!

### General Information

**Zone:** 2-8  
**Height:** 60-100'  
**Width:** 30-50'  
**Habit:** Rounded  
**Growth Rate:** 24" per year

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loam, Sand  
**Soil pH:** Acidic-Alkaline  
**Exposure:** Full Sun  
**Water Needs:** Average  
**Soil Drainage:** Well-Drained  
**Other Attributes:** Intolerant of Salt

**Fall Color:** Yellow  
**Bloom Color:** Yellow  
**Bloom Time:** Late Spring, Early Summer  
**Fragrance:** Yes  
**Fruit Color:** Green  
**Fruiting Time:** Late Summer  
**Fruit Flavor:** Inedible  
**Attracts:** Bees, Birds, Small Mammals

#### Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](https://thespruce.com/plants-a-to-z-find-plant-names-by-letter)  
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](https://ncsu.edu/extension/gardener-plant-toolbox/)  
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](https://mortonarboretum.org/trees-and-plants/)  
[WSU PNW Plants](https://pnw.wsu.edu/plants/)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](https://arborday.org/tree-guide/)  
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(umn.edu\)](https://um.edu/for-nursery-lab/)  
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](https://missouribotanicalgarden.org/plant-finder/)  
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](https://nds.edu/tree-handbook/)