

Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

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Summary:

Foliage: Deciduous broadleaf

Height: 90 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Shape: Upright oval

Tuliptree is a very tall, large tree with a straight trunk. It bears beautiful tulip-shaped flowers in May but generally go unnoticed since they high in the tree.

Plant Needs:

Zone: 5 to 9

Light: Partial shade to full sun

Moisture: Moist to average

Soil Type: Sandy, loam, or clay

pH Range: 3.7 to 6.8

Functions:

Suggested uses for this plant include shade tree and specimen plant.

Planting Notes:

Difficult to transplant.

Once established, it is a fast-growing tree.

Move young plants with balled and burlapped roots in the spring.

Plant in a location where it will have plenty of room to develop.

Select a site with fertile, deep, moist soil.

Care:

Prune in the winter.

Easy to grow once established.

Problems:

Susceptible to a number of pests, including aphids and scale insects.

Leaves may turn yellow and drop during hot, dry periods of midsummer, especially in the Tidewater area.

Alternatives:

Consult local garden centers, historic or public gardens and arboreta regarding cultivars and related species that grow well in your area.

Cultivars of *Liriodendron tulipifera*:

No important cultivars.

Comments:

The tuliptree is too large for the average-sized home landscape and should be planted only where it has ample growing space.

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