Summer Sprite Linden

Tilia cordata 'Halka'



Summer Sprite Linden
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Littleleaf Linden, Lime, Smallleaf Lime

Description:

This natural semi-dwarf variety features a rounded pyramidal habit, and fragrant pale yellow flowers in early summer when few trees bloom; very tidy and low maintenance, adaptable, makes a perfect screen or landscape accent



Summer Sprite Linden foliage
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Ornamental Features

Summer Sprite Linden features showy clusters of fragrant buttery 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

Summer Sprite 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

Summer Sprite Linden is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Summer Sprite Linden will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.