Lone Star Linden

Tilia cordata 'BySkinner'



Lone Star Linden
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Littleleaf Linden, Lime, Smallleaf Lime

Description:

An exceptional shade or accent tree with a densely pyramidal form; fragrant yellow flowers in early summer; small glossy green leaves are attractive all summer turning yellow in fall; a tidy, low maintenance selection

Ornamental Features

Lone Star 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 small glossy heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Lone Star 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

Lone Star Linden is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Lone Star Linden will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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.

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.