



Ardis Tuliptree

Liriodendron tulipifera 'Ardis'

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Tulip Magnolia, Yellow Poplar, Whitewood

Description:

A reasonably compact version of this very tall tree, features uniquely shaped leaves and large yellow tulip-shaped flowers; needs lots of moisture and room to grow, a better choice than the species for smaller properties

Ornamental Features

Ardis Tuliptree has buttery yellow cup-shaped flowers with yellow eyes and orange centers held atop the branches from mid to late spring. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The square leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. The furrowed gray bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Ardis Tuliptree is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;



Ardis Tuliptree
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Ardis Tuliptree foliage
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- Insects
- Disease

Ardis Tuliptree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Ardis Tuliptree will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selection of a native North American species.