



TILIA TOMENTOSA MOENCH

Fam. Tiliaceae

DESCRIPTION

Deciduous tree with a regular habit, it grows up to 20-35 m.

LEAVES

Rounded or triangular-ovate, green and mostly glabrous on the upper face, densely tomentose with white hairs and coarsely jagged margins on the underside.

FRUITS

Dry walnut-like drupes 8-10 mm long, woolly and slightly ribbed; they ripen in late summer.

HABITAT

Native to south-eastern Europe and south-western Asia, from Romania and the Balkans to western Turkey (at moderate altitudes).

DISTRIBUTION

It is widely cultivated as an ornamental tree throughout Europe but it grows spontaneously in various cultivars. It is used in urban areas for tree-lined avenues and roadsides.

FLOWERS

White flowers, bundled in tops up to 10 intensely perfumed units; they attract many bees for pollination. *Tilia tomentosa* blooms between June and July.

ROOTS

Robust root system that holds the plant anchored to the ground.

BARK

Greyish and smooth in young specimens, it tends to present longitudinal cracks over time.

INTERESTING FACTS

Known as silver linden in the US and silver lime in the UK. This species, while fragrant in spring, drops buds and pollen during the spring and autumn.

