PLANT FACT SHEET

Tilia x europaea L.

GENUS *Tilia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Common lime, Common linden, Lime tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Manna, Sap, Flowers - tea

The leaves are eaten raw in salads and sandwiches.
The flowers have a honey like fragrance and are used for tea. They are also used as a vegetable. They are brewed into wine.
The plant produces an edible manna.

DESCRIPTION

A tall tree. It can be 40 m high. The young bark is smooth and grey and the old bark is cracked. The leaves are broad. They are 5-10 cm long and across. The base of the leaves is almost straight across. Underneath the leaf there are white hairs at the junctions of the veins. The flowers are small and creamy-white or yellow. They are 2 cm across. They are carried in clusters from a long bract. The fruit are rounded and hairy with faint ribs. It is 1.2 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to Europe. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can stand heavy pruning.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees can live for 500 years.

NOTES

These have also been in the Tiliaceae.

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