PLANT FACT SHEET

Tilia americana var. heterophylla (Vent.) Loudon

GENUS *Tilia* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES White basswood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A large tree. It grows 18-24 m high. The trunk is 60 cm across. The leaves are large and in 2 rows. They are 7.5-18 cm long and wide. They are broadly oval with a long point at the tip. The base is unequal. There are coarse teeth along the edge. The veins spread out like fingers on a hand. The leaf stalk is long and slender. The leaves are shiny green above and paler underneath. The flowers are 12-15 mm wide with 5 pale yellow petals. They are on clusters on long stalks. They hang in the middle of leafy bracts. The fruit are 10 mm across. They are nut-like and round. They are covered with fine hairs and have 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in moist soils in valleys in southern USA.

NOTES

These have also been in the Tiliaceae.

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