

YELLOW POPLAR

Liriodendron tulipifera

Tulip Tree, Tulip Poplar

Showy flowers have six yellow-green petals surrounded by three green sepals and resemble a huge tulip



Description: This large, stately deciduous tree sometimes taking a conical form, but when grown in the open tends to assume a broad columnar shape that is its signature form. The distinctive lovely late spring yellow cup-shaped flowers really do resemble tulips.

Natural Habitat: rich, loamy soils and along rivers.

Conservation Status: Is it threatened or endangered in NC or any other state.

Size: 80 ft tall with 40 ft. spread

Growth Rate: Fast.

Light: Full to partial sun

Planting and Care: deep, rich, moist soil that at times can be wet. Should be regularly watered for at least three years following transplanting

Ornamental Value: one of the best trees for yellow to golden-yellow fall color

Landscape Usage: As a shade tree

Commercial/Traditional Uses: Its uses are many, including barrel bungs and furniture stock. Native Americans used poplar as a tincture for inflammation and infection. Early Americans reported uses of treating worms, jaundice, fever, bruises, and swelling.

Wildlife Benefits: attracts hummingbirds, honey bees, bumble bees, birds and squirrels; host plant for tiger and spicebush swallowtail butterflies