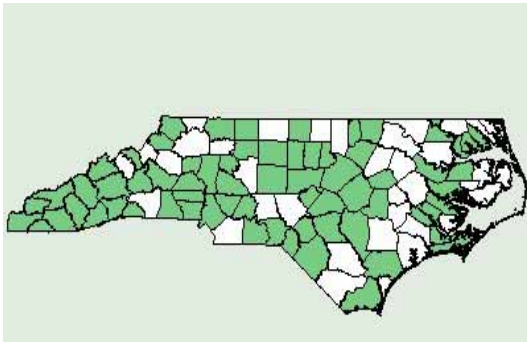


TULIP POPLAR

Liriodendron tulipifera

AKA: Tulip tree, yellow-poplar, white-poplar, and whitewood. A large stately rapid growing tree with a beautiful symmetrical conical form and lovely spring flowers with golden fall foliage.



Description: Yellow-poplar is a tall, deciduous, long-lived, broadleaf tree. The leaves are alternate with a distinctive tulip like shape. Blooms in late May through Mid-June but usually flowers are in higher reaches and not easily observed.

Size: 70 - 100 feet tall

Growth Rate: Fast

Light: Full sun to part shade

Planting and Care: Yellow-poplar grows best on north and east aspects. Growth is best in moderately moist, well drained, and loose textured soil.

Ornamental Value: Can be quite showy in golden yellow to clear yellow fall foliage.

Landscape Usage: Shade tree, lawn tree but needs ample space due to its large size. Used for large public plantings, avenues and highways, beautifying golf course fairways, college campuses and similar large scale landscapes where their majestic stature can be appreciated.

Commercial/Traditional Uses: An important southern hardwood used in barrel bungs and stock furniture. Native American tribes of Pennsylvania and Virginia used the long, clean boles for making dugout canoes. The wood of yellow poplar has gained some favor with modern boat builders for crafting light, strong sailing and rowing boats.

Wildlife Benefits: Valued as a honey tree, attracts hummingbirds, birds, and squirrels; host plant for tiger and spicebush swallowtail butterflies.