American Sentry Linden

Tilia americana 'American Sentry'



American Sentry Linden
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Height: 50 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Basswood, American Linden

Description:

A stately tree with a narrow upright habit of growth for smaller yards and spaces, features tightly upright branching, leaves turn rich gold in fall; fast growing and vigorous, resistant to insect attacks

Ornamental Features

American Sentry Linden is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It features subtle clusters of fragrant buttery yellow flowers with tan bracts hanging below the branches in early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The large heart-shaped leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

American Sentry Linden is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

American Sentry Linden is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

American Sentry Linden will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.