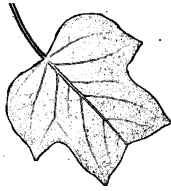


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These broad leaves with their unusual concave tip and rounded base are 4, sometimes 6, lobed with smooth edges. Seen as a child's caricature of a Holland tulip the leaf is an unmistakable identifier. These leaves turn a long lasting bright yellow in early autumn.

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Liriodendron tulipifera

Tulip Tree

Tulip-poplar, Yellow-poplar

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The flowers and fruit of the Tulip tree mark it as a member of the magnolia family. An orange-yellow version of the Magnolia grandiflora, the Tulip blossom grows at treetop. Like the Magnolia the fruit or cone is upright where each "petal" contains a seed.

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The bark is gray, thick and deeply furrowed. With a remarkably straight main trunk, the Tulip Poplar occasionally attains heights of 150-190' and diameters of up to 10 feet. The heartwood is yellow, like the poplar wood, hence the common name

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Due to its lightweight wood and large size, in older days whole canoes were carved from a single log. Vying with the Sycamore as the shade tree with the largest diameter trunk, a specimen Tulip Tree can be seen at Sandy Springs Friends Meeting in Maryland.

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