Liriodendron tulipifera
Tulip Tree

Liriodendron tulipifera is a firm favourite with all the staff at Deepdale Trees. This a large, fast growing and long lived tree, can reach to more than 35m high with tall straight stems.

Its unique feature is the deciduous foliage, a glossy green leaf with four lobes and appearing to have been cut off at the top. In autumn, the colour is a fantastic as it turns shades of golden yellows and coppery browns.

In early summer, semi-mature specimens (15-20 years+) of this tree produce exquisite flowers, tulip shaped and yellow with an orange flare at the base. These are followed by an upright cluster of single winged seeds, not dissimilar in appearance to a cone. Also with maturity, the light grey corky bark of the Tulip tree often forms intricate patterns of vertical ridges.

This plants tolerance of pollution, makes it a great urban tree where space permits. It requires a moist fertile soil, ideally slightly acidic but can tolerate chalk. Plant in full sun or part shade.
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The fine grain and large trunk made this an ideal tree for Native Americans to use for canoes.

Beautiful tulip flowers

3-4m multistemmed Liriodendron
18-20cm girth standards in autumn
50-60cm girth Tulip tree

The glorious golden colours of the autumn foliage
Summer leaves of Liriodendron tulipifera—totally unique!