Deepdale

Tilia x europaea 'Pallida'
Common Lime / Kaiser Linden

September 2014

45-50cm girth Tilia 'Pallida' grown in air-pot containers

A best seller at Deepdale Trees, Tilia 'Pallida' is a fast growing, deciduous tree which establishes quickly. Tilia europaea is a hybrid which occurs naturally from parent plants Tilia cordata (small leaved lime) and Tilia platyphyllos (large leaved lime).

Popular for its uniform pyramidal habit, it thrives in a wide range of conditions and tolerates urban environments.

The summer flowers are sweetly scented and borne in clusters. The fruit which follows is a nut like drupe, about the same size as a garden pea. The lush green foliage has a greenish yellow underside, slightly hairy and with tufts of brown hair in the leaf axils. In autumn, the foliage turns a rich, buttery yellow.

Consideration of the planting location needs to be made as this species attracts aphids which secrete honeydew.

It's tolerance of pruning makes it a very adaptable for pollarding or training if needed, often used for pleached or box head trees.

Plant Profile

Name: Tilia x europaea 'Pallida'

Common Name: Common Lime / Kaiser Linden

Family: Tiliaceae

Height: 20-30m

Demands: Suitable for most conditions and soil types. Tolerant of urban pollution

Foliage: Heart shaped green foliage with a yellow-green underside

Flower: Yellow-white flowers in clusters. Sweet smelling

Bark: Grey and grooved. Twigs are yellow brown and later turn reddish in colour

Fruit: Small rounded fruits with a downy covering.

Autumn foliage of Common Lime

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Unter den Linden, translating to "under the linden trees" is an avenue running from the Brandenburg Gate to the site of the Stadtschloss royal palace in Berlin, flanked by Tilia europaea 'Pallida'

12-14-16cm Tilia 'Pallida' standards

Foliage and fruit of Common Lime

35-40cm Kaiser Linden

Tilia europaea 'Pallida' 50-60cm girth box head trees

Mature pleached Limes, 40-45cm girth, field grown