Tilia x europaea ‘Pallida’
Common Lime / Kaiser Linden

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’

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**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.
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’.

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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