

The Basswood (*Tilia americana*) is a large, statuesque tree and is one of the fastest growing trees in our forests, often growing at twice the speed of the American beech. This specimen is an anchor for rehabilitating the Orchard. The Linden blooms in late spring attracting large numbers of birds and pollinators into the area. While they are here, they also pollinate the apple trees and wild flowers. The linden prefers damp, acidic soils. Note its often huge leaves with their uneven base.

The leaves and flowers of lindens worldwide are eaten and made into teas.

<https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/species/tilia/americana>

