Tuliptree
(*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

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**Summary:**
Foliage: Deciduous broadleaf  
Height: 90 feet  
Spread: 50 feet  
Shape: Upright oval  

Tuliptree is a very tall, large tree with a straight trunk. It bears beautiful tulip-shaped flowers in May but generally go unnoticed since they high in the tree.

**Plant Needs:**
Zone: 5 to 9  
Light: Partial shade to full sun  
Moisture: Moist to average  
Soil Type: Sandy, loam, or clay  
pH Range: 3.7 to 6.8

**Functions:**
Suggested uses for this plant include shade tree and specimen plant.

**Planting Notes:**
Difficult to transplant.  
Once established, it is a fast-growing tree.  
Move young plants with balled and burlapped roots in the spring. Plant in a location where it will have plenty of room to develop. Select a site with fertile, deep, moist soil.

**Care:**
Prune in the winter.  
Easy to grow once established.

**Problems:**
Susceptible to a number of pests, including aphids and scale insects.  
Leaves may turn yellow and drop during hot, dry periods of midsummer, especially in the Tidewater area.

**Alternatives:**
Consult local garden centers, historic or public gardens and arboreta regarding cultivars and related species that grow well in your area.  
Cultivars of *Liriodendron tulipifera*:
No important cultivars.
Comments:
The tuliptree is too large for the average-sized home landscape and should be planted only where it has ample growing space.

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