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Tilia x europaea

[Synonyms : *Tilia hollandica*, *Tilia intermedia*, *Tilia officinarum*, *Tilia x vulgaris*]

COMMON LIME is a deciduous hybrid tree. Found in Europe it has sweetly scented, green flowers.

It is also known as Common linden, European lime, European linden, Lime, *Linde* (Dutch), *Parklind* (Swedish), *Puistolehmus* (Finnish), and *Tilleul* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French).

In Summer the tree is covered in shiny honey-dew from aphids and rain washes this onto anything below.

Europaea means ‘of or from Europe’.

In England (and probably many other places) the leaves have long provided children and their adult ‘mentors’ with a handy ear-piercing whistle if they are blown when held taut against the lips. Experienced hands (or in this case mouths) claim that the leaves are at their best for this in June in southern Britain.

Common lime can be an ingredient in some cosmetics (a lotion is made to improve skin complexion) and also in medicines.