



***Tilia* spp.**

Family: Tilaceae

European Lime

Basswood (*Tilia* sp.), also known as Lime in England and Europe, consists of 30 to 35 species native to Eurasia(30) and North America(4). All species look alike microscopically. A favorite wood for carvings, such as those by Grinling Gibbons (England, 1670-1710).

Tilia cordata-Bass, Basswood, Bast-tree, Common Lime, English Lime, European Small-leaf Lime, European Small-leaf Limetree, European Small-leaf Linden, Europees Linden, Europeisk Lind, Kislevelu Hars, Kleinbladige Linde, Kleinblattrige Linde, Large-leaf Lime, Lime, Limetree, Lind, Linde, Linden, Lipa, Lipa Malolista, Lipa Malolistna, Littleleaf Linden, Melkoistnaya, Melkolistnaya Lipa, Niinipuu, Parklind, Shinanoki, Sinanoki, Skogs-lind, Small-leaf Lime, **Small-Leaved Lime**, Sommerlinde, Steinlinde, Teiu cu Frunza Mica, Tiel-tree, Tiglio, Tiglio a Foglie, Tiglio Selvatico, Tilleau Sauvage, Tilleul, Tilleul a Grandes Feuilles, Tilleul a Petites Feuilles, Tilleul des Bois, Tilleul Feuilles, Tilleul Sauvage, Tilo, Tilo Silvestre, Winter-linde

Tilia grandifolia-Grossblattrige Linde, Sommer-linde, Tiglio a Folie Grandi, Tilleul a Grandes Feuilles, Tilleul de Hollande, Tilo

Tilia platyphylla-**Broad-Leaved Lime**, Storbladig Lind

Tilia vulgaris-**Common Lime**, English Lime, Europaische Linde, European Basswood, Europese Linde, Gemeine Linde, Hollandse Linde, Hollandsk Lind, Japanese Basswood, Limewood, Linden, Oba-shina, Parklind, Shina, Shinanoki, Tiglio Comune, Tiglio Olandese, Tilleul, Tilleul d'Europe, Tilleul Intermediaire, Tilo, Tilo Holandes, Tilo Intermediario, Vanlig Lind

Distribution

Europe and England.

The following is for *Tilia vulgaris*:

The Tree

European Lime reaches heights of 100 feet, with a diameter of 4 feet and with a clear bole for 50 feet.

The Wood

General

The sapwood of European Lime is indistinguishable from the white to pale yellow heartwood, which turns pale brown on exposure. It has a straight grain with a fine, even texture.

Mechanical Properties (2-inch standard)

	Specific gravity	MOE x10 ⁶ lbf/in ²	MOR lbf/in ²	Compression		WML ^a in-lbf/in ³	Hardness lbf	Shear lbf/in ²
				Parallel lbf/in ²	Perpendicular lbf/in ²			
Green	-	1.33	7,900	3,780	-	-	-	-
Dry	-	1.62	11,200	6,910	-	-	-	-

^aWML = Work to maximum load.
Reference (98).

Drying and Shrinkage

Type of shrinkage	Percentage of shrinkage (green to final moisture content)		
	0% MC	6% MC	20% MC
Tangential	–	7.5	–
Radial	–	5.0	–
Volumetric	–	12.6	–

References: 0% MC (98),
6% and 20% MC (90).

Kiln Drying Schedules (3)

British Schedule H.

Working Properties:	Blunting:	Slight
	Sawing:	
	Rip-sawing:	Saw type HR54
	Cross-cutting:	Satisfactory
	Narrow-band:	Satisfactory
	Wide-band:	Saw type A
	Machining:	Good
	Nailing:	Satisfactory
	Gluing:	Good
	Bending:	Moderate
	Staining/Polishing:	Satisfactory

Durability: Sapwood susceptible to common furniture beetle, heartwood rated as perishable.

Preservation: Rated as permeable.

Uses: Paint brushes, turnery, hat blocks.

Toxicity: May produce dermatitis (7)

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