

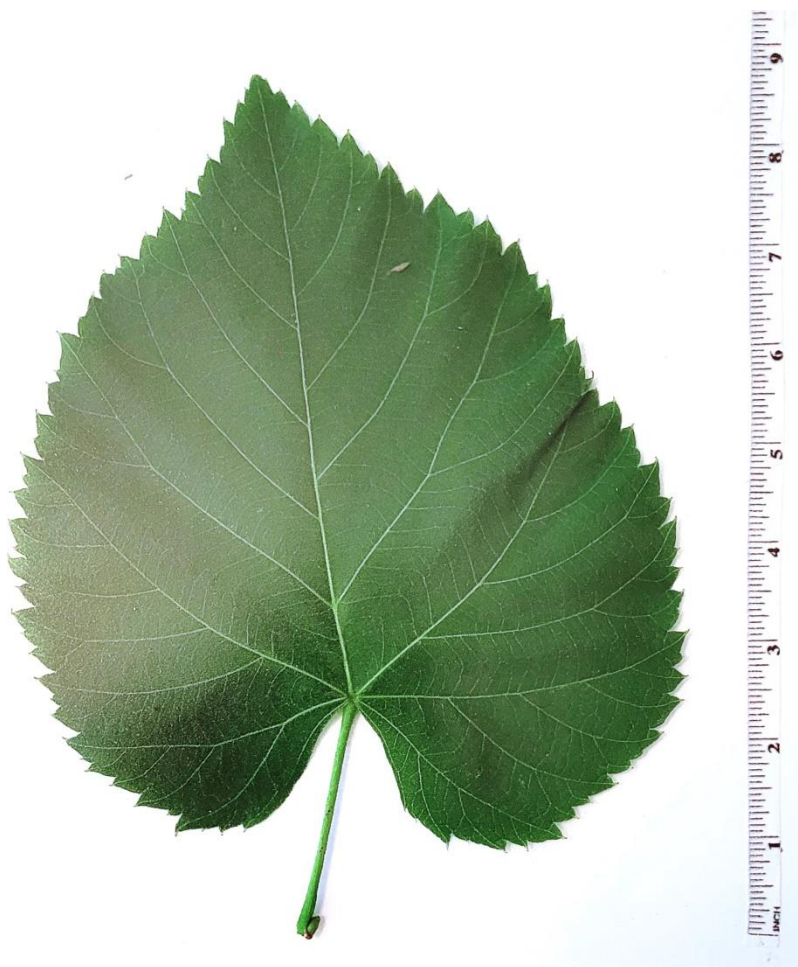
Basswood (*Tilia Americana*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread, usually in deep woods, mixed with other hardwoods.

Characteristics: reaching 80 feet in height, 3 feet in diameter, crown broadly rounded; bark pale and smooth in young trees but grayish-brown with narrow, flat-topped ridges in older trees; flowers greenish yellow, small, in clusters, on long stalks attached to leaf-like bracts, fragrant, June-July; fruits hard, spherical nutlets, brown, about 1/3 inch in diameter, still attached to the bracts.

Leaves: Alternate, simple; blades 3-8 inches long, papery, with coarse teeth along edges; dull green above but paler beneath.



Locations of tagged trees:



White-centered symbol indicates leaves are too high to be easily seen.

Notes: Basswood is one of the softest, lightest woods and is valued for hand carving. It is also used for interior trim work, veneer, plywood, and musical instruments. The wood is nearly odorless and is used to make food containers. Basswood flowers are known to produce a fine honey.