

Tulip Tree Tea Party



Welcome to the Tulip Tree Tea Party house!

The tulip tree has no relation to the well-known tulip flower, but it gets its name because the flowers that bloom on the tree each spring look similar to tulips.

The tulip tree is the tallest eastern hardwood tree, and one of the tallest trees on the east coast. Some can grow more than 160 feet tall without interference!

Not only is the tulip tree tall, but it grows quickly, and individual trees have been known to live up to 500 years.

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A canoe that grew

You might notice that tulip trees tend to grow very straight. This characteristic makes tulip tree wood perfect for a very specific purpose—building canoes.

The trunks were hollowed out using controlled fire or steaming to soften the timber for easier carving. Axes, adzes, and scrapers made from stone, shell, or bone were also used.



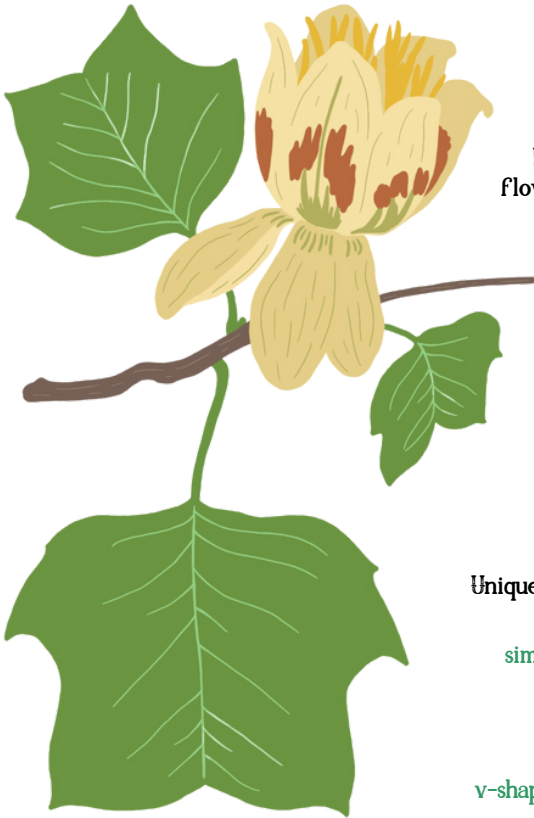
What's in a name?

Another name for this tree is "tulip poplar," but did you know it's not actually a poplar? It's a member of the magnolia family!

Tulip Tree

Liriodendron tulipifera

The tulip tree is a large hardwood with brown, furrowed, aromatic bark.



yellow, tulip-shaped
flowers have orange bands

Unique shaped leaves are

simple

lobed

v-shaped at the center

Can you find the fairies' favorite tulip tree? Head to number 4 on the map and look for these leaves with a v-shaped top. You can look for flowers in May & June, and a cone-shaped seed pod later in the year.

