



# Springboro Tree Farms

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## Tulip Poplar

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Liriodendron tulipifera*

FAMILY: Magnoliaceae

ORIGIN: North American

The scientific name for the Tulip Poplar is *Liriodendron tulipifera*. It's also known as the tulip tree, American tulip tree, tulipwood, tuliptree, whitewood, fiddletree, and yellow-poplar. The Tulip Poplar is the North American representative of the two-species genus *Liriodendron*, and the tallest eastern hardwood...

...and of course, this is our state tree!

We planted the tree you're looking at in the fall of 2021 as an important addition to the tree trail. After all, every tree trail in Indiana should have a Tulip Tree.

Here's a little-known fact: it was the flower of the Tulip Poplar that first got the attention of the Indiana State legislature. It was Indiana's first state flower but the act making it our state flower was repealed and the tree itself became our state tree by act of legislature in 1931.



These trees get really really big. In an Indiana Geological Report of 1875, one Tulip tree measured 38 feet in diameter at 3 feet above the ground, stood 120 feet tall and was 65 feet to the first limb. Well, we better give this little guy some room to grow!