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NATURE RAMBLINGS

By Frank Thone



Linden Seeds

Many of the familiar trees that we know easily enough by name in the summer, when they have leaves and perhaps flowers to help our powers of recognition, are much harder to distinguish in the winter, except for the more or less technically trained observer. One fine friend of the woods, however, is easy to pick out even in January, because of the persistence with which the very peculiar and characteristic seed structures cling to its branches.

The fruits of the linden tree are among the most ingenious of the many kinds of aviation provided by plants for the distribution of their seeds. The seed-bearing stem is flanked on either side by a wide, leaf-like extension that runs out beyond its sharp angle at mid-length, forming the leafy parachute. It still extends its length considerably before branching and terminating in from one or two to six or seven hard, round berries like black peppers. This arrangement throws the center of gravity well below the parachute, and since the branching is always into fairly equal parts the little plane and its burden are well balanced.

The fruits of the linden tree persist through the fall and far into the winter, whirling and buzzing on their stems when the high winds come. Some of them come loose from time to time, and may travel a couple of miles before they drop. And inasmuch as the linden seems to be able to make itself at home fairly well on both bottoms and uplands, the little aviating seeds do not need to worry where their journey ends.

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