Evergreen Chinese Magnolia

Magnolia delavayi



Evergreen Chinese Magnolia
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Height: 60 feet

Spread: 45 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

This beautiful evergreen variety makes a great accent, smothered in showy and fragrant white cup-shaped flowers in late summer; beautiful, large, glossy leaves with brown undersides; has a neat, upright habit of growth

Ornamental Features

Evergreen Chinese Magnolia is smothered in stunning fragrant white cup-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones held atop the branches from mid summer to mid fall. It has attractive dark green foliage with brown undersides. The large glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. The fruits are showy red pods displayed from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Evergreen Chinese Magnolia is an evergreen tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds and squirrels to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Evergreen Chinese Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Evergreen Chinese Magnolia will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 45 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America.