Green Bee Magnolia

Magnolia 'Green Bee'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An interesting variety producing bright green buds that unfold and mature to yellow; petals tend to hang down; a small tree with a fastigiate shape; flowers appear just before, or with emerging foliage; an ideal landscape or garden accent

Ornamental Features

Green Bee Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant buttery yellow cup-shaped flowers with a green reverse held atop the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive green flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Green Bee Magnolia is a deciduous tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Green Bee Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Green Bee Magnolia flowers
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Green Bee Magnolia in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Green Bee Magnolia will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.