Hot Flash Magnolia

Magnolia 'Hot Flash'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 18 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A lovely variety that produces upright pale yellow flowers with flushes of pink at the base; very late flowering reduces chance of frost damage; its upright, pyramidal form makes an ideal landscape or garden accent

Ornamental Features

Hot Flash Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant buttery yellow cup-shaped flowers with pink eyes held atop the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Hot Flash Magnolia is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Hot Flash Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Hot Flash Magnolia flowers
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Hot Flash Magnolia in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Hot Flash Magnolia will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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.