Athene Magnolia

Magnolia 'Athene'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

A striking accent tree for home landscapes, smothered in large white flowers with violet-pink eyes in mid-spring; a tidy tree the rest of the year with an upright vase shape; good for shade in the front yard

Ornamental Features

Athene Magnolia is clothed in stunning fragrant white cup-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and hot 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

Athene Magnolia is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with an indistinguished habit of growth. 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.

Athene Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Athene Magnolia flowers
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Athene Magnolia in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Athene Magnolia will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 for 60 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.