Ian's Red Magnolia

Magnolia 'Ian's Red'



Ian's Red Magnolia flowers
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Height: 18 feet

Spread: 18 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Ian Baldick Hybrid Magnolia

Description:

An exquisitely beautiful magnolia presenting rich claret-red blooms in early spring that eventually fade to pink; a large shrub or small tree with a tidy form and large relatively coarse leaves; an ideal landscape or garden accent

Ornamental Features

Ian's Red Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant crimson cup-shaped flowers held atop the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ian's Red Magnolia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading 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 shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ian's Red Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Ian's Red Magnolia will grow to be about 18 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 shrub 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.