Silver Cloud Magnolia

Magnolia doltsopa 'Silver Cloud'



Silver Cloud Magnolia flowers
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Height: 40 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Michelia doltsopa, Sweet Michelia, False Magnolia

Description:

This attractive, fast growing tree has lustrous semi-evergreen leaves and creamy-white flowers that bloom in spring; large, open magnolia-like flowers are showy with a spicy fragrance

Ornamental Features

Silver Cloud Magnolia features showy lightly-scented creamy white flowers along the branches in mid spring. It has dark green foliage with grayish green undersides. The glossy pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Cloud Magnolia is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree 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 tree, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.



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Silver Cloud Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Silver Cloud Magnolia will grow to be about 40 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.