Legend Magnolia

Magnolia 'Legend'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An exquisite magnolia with volumes of upright cream blooms that are blushed with yellow toward the centers; a stately tree with a tidy pyramidal form and large, relatively coarse leaves; an ideal landscape accent

Ornamental Features

Legend Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant creamy white cup-shaped flowers with yellow streaks 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

Legend Magnolia is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and 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.

Legend Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Legend Magnolia in bloom
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Legend Magnolia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Legend Magnolia will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. 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.