Sundew Saucer Magnolia

Magnolia x soulangeana 'Sundew'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Tulip Tree

Description:

A stunning small accent tree featuring spectacular cup-shaped, fragrant white flowers with a pink-red flush; blooms in early spring before the leaves appear; has a spreading habit of growth over time



Sundew Saucer Magnolia flowers
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Sundew Saucer Magnolia in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Sundew Saucer Magnolia is blanketed in stunning fragrant creamy white cup-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones, rose eyes and a hot pink reverse held atop the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sundew Saucer Magnolia is a multi-stemmed deciduous 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.

Sundew Saucer Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent

Planting & Growing

Sundew Saucer Magnolia will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 80 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.