Cylindrical Magnolia

Magnolia cylindrica

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Huangshan Magnolia

Description:

A stunning large shrub or small tree, featuring fragrant, snow-white flowers in spring, that fade to pink at the base; vase shaped when young, but rounds out with maturity; appreciates consistent moisture all year, and rich, slightly acidic soil

Ornamental Features

Cylindrical Magnolia is clothed in stunning fragrant white star-shaped flowers with rose eyes at the ends of the branches from early to mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The large oval leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy red pods displayed from early to mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Cylindrical Magnolia is a 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cylindrical Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Cylindrical Magnolia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Cylindrical Magnolia will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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 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 particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, 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 species is not originally from North America.



Cylindrical Magnolia in bloom
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