Caerhay's Belle Magnolia

Magnolia 'Caerhay's Belle'

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Magnolia sargentiana x sprengeri

Description:

A stunning, vigorous accent tree for general landscape use, featuring large pale pink to salmon flowers that each have about 12 broad petals; blooms in early spring; neat foliage and a conical habit of growth; site in sheltered area with room to spread



Caerhay's Belle Magnolia flowers
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Ornamental Features

Caerhay's Belle Magnolia is clothed in stunning shell pink cup-shaped flowers with salmon overtones at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring before the leaves. The fruits are showy pink pods carried in abundance from late summer to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The large oval leaves turn yellow and in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Caerhay's Belle Magnolia is a deciduous tree with 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. 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.

Caerhay's Belle Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent

Planting & Growing

Caerhay's Belle Magnolia will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 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 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 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.



Caerhay's Belle Magnolia in bloom
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