Grace McDade Saucer Magnolia

Magnolia x soulangeana 'Grace McDade'



Grace McDade Saucer Magnolia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A truly eye-catching shrub for the spring garden, when it is totally covered in whitish-pink flowers with purple bases before the leaves emerge; incredibly beautiful and elegant, makes a great accent in the home landscape

Ornamental Features

Grace McDade Saucer Magnolia is smothered in stunning fragrant white cup-shaped flowers with pink overtones and purple centers 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

Grace McDade 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.

Grace McDade Saucer Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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Planting & Growing

Grace McDade Saucer Magnolia will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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.