# Rubra Saucer Magnolia

***Magnolia x soulangeana 'Rubra'***



*Rubra Saucer Magnolia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

**Description:**

An exceptional magnolia with abundant cup-shaped and fragrant cherry-red flowers with white insides in spring, coarse foliage and large spreading habit of growth; an ideal feature in the average home landscape, flowers are sensitive to late spring frosts

**Ornamental Features**

Rubra Saucer Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant fuchsia cup-shaped flowers with white overtones 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**

Rubra Saucer Magnolia is a multi-stemmed 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rubra Saucer Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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**Planting & Growing**

Rubra Saucer Magnolia will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 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 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.