



## Species: *Magnolia virginiana*

(mag-nol'ee-ah ver-jin-i-ay'nah)

### Sweetbay Magnolia

#### Cultivar Information

Several varieties exist for this plant although many are not commonly found in the trade currently. Selection for cold-hardy evergreen forms has been a focus.

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

#### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree < 30 feet

Height: 10' - 20' (spread 10' - 20')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: single stem tree to large rounded shrub

Ornamental Other: tolerates shade; winter damage may be a problem; best in sheltered locations in zone 5

#### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 5b

Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0)

Environmental Other: lemon-scented, waxy-white flowers appear in June; gray bark and silvery backed foliage make it an attractive shrub

#### Insect Disease

No diseases listed

## Bare Root Transplanting

Any

## Other

Native to Eastern and Midwestern N. America. Semi evergreen in a warmer climate

Cultivars for *Magnolia virginiana*Showing **1-12** of **12** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
var. australis	var. australis - grows larger (more tree-like); remains evergreen in winter, unlike northern forms of the species; potentially less cold-hardy
Henry Hicks	'Henry Hicks' - handsome foliage appears to remain evergreen even in cold climates; grows to 25' tall
Milton	'Milton' (a.k.a. 'Milton Clones') - selected from the northernmost natural populations of the species, located in coastal Massachusetts; particularly good cold-hardiness.
Green Shadow	'Green Shadow' (a.k.a. 'Greenbay') - evergreen foliage; tight oval form
Moonglow	'Moonglow' (a.k.a. 'Jim Wilson') - vigorous upright growth; better cold hardiness; semi-evergreen foliage in the northern part of its range; slightly larger flowers than species
Sweet Thing	'Sweet Thing' (a.k.a. 'Perry Paige') - var. australis selection; dwarf, grows to 8' high x 7' wide; extremely dense, compact form
Northern Belle	'Northern Belle' (a.k.a. 'Ned's Northern Belle') - larger than normal, fragrant, creamy white flowers; evergreen foliage; excellent cold tolerance; grows to 30' high x 20' wide
Tensaw	'Tensaw' (a.k.a. Dodd's Small Leaf ) - leaves are less than 2" long and 3/4" wide with silvery undersides; flowers are proportionally smaller as well; more dwarf than the species, grows to 10 - 15' high x 8 - 10 ft wide; hardy to zone 6
Mardi Gras	'Mardi Gras' foliage variegated with wide yellow margins and irregular blotches on dark green leaves; semi-evergreen; 15' high x 8' high
Havener	'Havener' - larger, slightly pink flowers
Mattie Mae Smith	'Mattie Mae Smith' - variegated foliage; grows to 20' high x 10' wide
Plena	'Plena' - semi-double flowers with a peach tinge

## Photos



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*Magnolia virginiana* - Bark



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*Magnolia virginiana* - Flower



*Magnolia virginiana* - Flower



*Magnolia virginiana* - Bud



Magnolia virginiana - Habit



Magnolia virginiana - Habit



Magnolia virginiana - Leaf



Magnolia virginiana - Habit



Magnolia virginiana - Immature Fruit