



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



Magnolia virginiana - Bark



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