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Sunsation Magnolia

Magnolia 'Sunsation'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

An exquisitely beautiful magnolia with yellow blooms that are striped with pink; a small tree or large shrub with a tidy form and large relatively coarse leaves; flowers appear late, just as foliage emerges; an ideal landscape or garden accent



Sunsation Magnolia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Sunsation Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant yellow cup-shaped flowers with purple eyes and pink stripes held atop the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sunsation 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sunsation Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening



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Planting & Growing

Sunsation Magnolia will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 50 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 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.