



Magnolia, Butterflies

Magnolia 'Butterflies'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

An exquisitely beautiful magnolia whose flowers are among the truest yellow of all hybrids; a small tree or large shrub with a neatly pyramidal form and large relatively coarse leaves, flowers appear before the foliage; an ideal landscape or garden accent

Ornamental Features

Magnolia, Butterflies is covered in stunning fragrant yellow cup-shaped flowers 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

Magnolia, Butterflies 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Magnolia, Butterflies is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Magnolia, Butterflies will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.



Magnolia, Butterflies flowers
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This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.

Special Attributes

Magnolias are not toxic plants. They are also Deer Resistant to being eaten, but some deer like to use them as a back scratchers. Magnolias also need some wind protection.