Magnolia, Black Tulip

Magnolia 'Black Tulip'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

An impressive magnolia selected for its lovely, deep burgundy-red tulip-like flowers, emerging in spring before the leaves; a large growing, vigorous variety that will make a fine ornamental landscape specimen. Needs protection from strong winds.

Ornamental Features

Magnolia, Black Tulip is smothered in stunning fragrant burgundy cup-shaped flowers with red overtones held atop the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Magnolia, Black Tulip is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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, Black Tulip is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Magnolia, Black Tulip flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Magnolia, Black Tulip in bloom
Photo courtesy of Monrovia

Planting & Growing

Magnolia, Black Tulip will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from 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.

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.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (2): Blooms and leaves can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. Seed pods are lumpy cones and clean up by blowing or raking into a pile and bag them. Magnolias need protection from strong winds.