# Magnolia, Leonard Messel

***Magnolia x loebneri 'Leonard Messel'***



*Magnolia, Leonard Messel flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

**Description:**

This magnolia that can be grown as a small tree or shrub, known for its early spring bloom in froths of large, extremely fragrant white flowers tinged in pink and growth habit, excellent size for the home landscape. Needs protection from strong winds

**Ornamental Features**

Magnolia, Leonard Messel is smothered in stunning fragrant fuchsia star-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones, yellow eyes and pink centers at the ends of the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy pink pods displayed from early to mid fall.



*Magnolia, Leonard Messel in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Landscape Attributes**

Magnolia, Leonard Messel is a multi-stemmed 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, Leonard Messel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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**Planting & Growing**

Magnolia, Leonard Messel will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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 80 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.