Magnolia, Vulcan

Magnolia 'Vulcan'



Magnolia, Vulcan flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A hybrid magnolia selected for the deep ruby red color of its large, cup-shaped flowers; blooms tend to be more pink on younger plants; a large shrub, or elegant small tree with an upright habit, it makes a fine ornamental specimen for smaller yards

Ornamental Features

Magnolia, Vulcan is smothered in stunning fragrant ruby-red cup-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and white streaks held atop the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

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

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Magnolia, Vulcan will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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.

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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.

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.