# Magnolia, Yellow Bird

***Magnolia 'Yellow Bird'***

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

**Description:**

A hybrid magnolia selected for its showy pale yellow flowers in spring; neat habit of growth and large, coarse leaves, will grow to become quite a tall tree, leave adequate room; an excellent specimen tree for the larger home landscape

**Ornamental Features**

Magnolia, Yellow Bird is blanketed in stunning fragrant yellow cup-shaped flowers 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. The fruits are showy pink pods displayed in early fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Magnolia, Yellow Bird 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.

Magnolia, Yellow Bird is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



*Magnolia, Yellow Bird flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Magnolia, Yellow Bird in bloom*
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**Planting & Growing**

Magnolia, Yellow Bird will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath 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 80 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.