Yellow Bird Magnolia

Magnolia 'Yellow Bird'

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

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



Yellow Bird Magnolia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Yellow Bird Magnolia 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.



Yellow Bird Magnolia in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Yellow Bird Magnolia 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.

Yellow Bird Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Yellow Bird Magnolia will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. 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.