Ultimate Yellow Magnolia

Magnolia 'Ultimate Yellow'



Ultimate Yellow Magnolia flowers
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Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A hybrid magnolia selected for its brilliant yellow cup shaped flowers in spring; rounded habit of growth and large, coarse leaves; an excellent specimen tree for the average home landscape

Ornamental Features

Ultimate Yellow Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant lemon yellow cup-shaped flowers with gold eyes and green stripes held atop the branches in mid spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall. The fruits are showy pink pods displayed in early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ultimate Yellow Magnolia is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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.

Ultimate Yellow Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Ultimate Yellow Magnolia 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 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast 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.