



# Teddy Bear® Magnolia Magnolia grandiflora 'Southern Charm'

Height: 20 feet Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: O D

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Southern Magnolia

### **Description:**

A beautiful flowering accent tree for smaller home landscapes, smothered in showy and fragrant white cup-shaped flowers from early summer through fall; large glossy leaves with reddish-brown undersides and a neat pyramidal habit of growth

#### **Ornamental Features**

Teddy Bear Magnolia is smothered in stunning fragrant white cup-shaped flowers held atop the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has dark green foliage with khaki (brownish-green) undersides. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. The fruits are showy red pods displayed from early to late fall.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Teddy Bear Magnolia is a dense evergreen 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 not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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.

Teddy Bear Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts



Teddy Bear Magnolia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Teddy Bear Magnolia
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



## **Planting & Growing**

Teddy Bear Magnolia will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.



Teddy Bear Magnolia fruit Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder