

Saucer magnolia

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With its showy flowers and large attractive leaves, the Saucer Magnolia (*Magnoliaceae* - Magnolia Family) is a low-branched deciduous tree that makes a nice addition to a spring garden.

Leaves of this multi-trunked tree are medium to dark green, oblong and up to 6" in length. Flower petals are pink-purple on the outside with a white interior, and very showy.

Its soft, fleshy cone is actually an aggregate fruit that is woody. Flowering structure has changed little over millions of years, and songbirds especially like the seed.

Trees reach a height of about 25 feet, make a good focal point for an entrance-way or street tree, and often provide early spring color.

Saucer Magnolia performs best in full sun with deep, moist and acidic soils, but is adaptable to a wide range of soils. Since they're relatively small at maturity, they can be planted close to a house or patio without fear of the roots damaging anything. These are somewhat slow growing trees, so be sure to give them the best advantage by planting in a fertile, well-drained soil that receives supplemental watering during summer droughts. 🌱



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