

Magnolia virginiana 'JimWilson'cv. 'Moonglow'® Magnolia PP 12,065

Zone: 5-8

Height: 15'-20'

Width: 15'-20'

Crown: Columnar, vase

Growth Rate: Moderate

Soil: Loam, sand

pH: Acidic

Drainage: Well drained

Breakage: Resistant



Magnolia virginiana is a semi-evergreen upright tree; more semi in it's northern range. It is called Sweet Bay because of the pleasant lemon aroma coming from its 2" - 3" pure white showy flowers. It is called Swamp Magnolia because in the wild it is found in very wet areas. The simple leaf is green above and silvery-white below very showy when fluttering in the breeze. As suggested, it may be completely deciduous in Connecticut and mostly evergreen in South Carolina.

None the less, it is a beautiful tree, useful as a screen, specimen or in a problem wet area. In nature it is usually found as a multi stemmed tree. 'Moonglow'® is an introduction made by Earl Cully after decades of testing. He saw in it a very upright habit, more vigor than the species, abundant lemon scented flowers and a long flowering season, bright red fist sized seed pods which are loved by birds, and best of all, more hardiness than the species. 'Moonglow'® has withstood winter lows to -33°F. That's right up into the north country. We think this is a plant that should be grown more.