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Leonard Messel Magnolia Clump

Magnolia x loebneri 'Leonard Messel'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A popular hybrid magnolia, known for its early spring bloom in froths of large, extremely fragrant white flowers tinged in pink and picturesque habit of growth. Also available in tree form.

Ornamental Features

Leonard Messel Magnolia Clump is smothered in stunning fragrant fuchsia star-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones, yellow eyes and pink centers at the ends of the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy pink pods displayed from early to mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Leonard Messel Magnolia Clump is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Leonard Messel Magnolia Clump is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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*Leonard Messel Magnolia Clump
flowers*

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Leonard Messel Magnolia Clump in bloom

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Planting & Growing

Leonard Messel Magnolia Clump 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 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.