

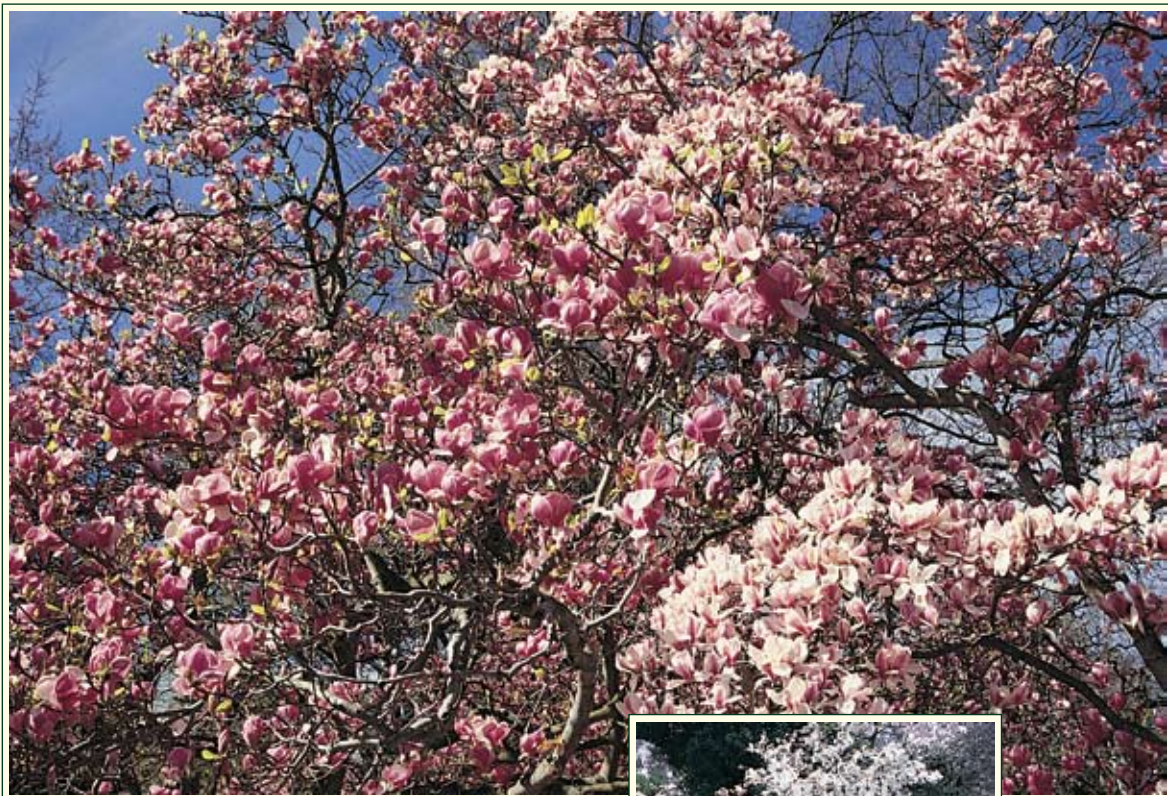
THE MAGNOLIA

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The flowering of the magnolia heralds the arrival of Spring. Colourful flowers often white and pink open and display their beauty before green leaves emerge. Predominantly from Asia, the famous plant hunters George Forrest and Ernest Henry Wilson collected and introduced to cultivation many Magnolia species at the turn of the 20th century.



MAGNOLIA SOULANGIANA



MAGNOLIA STELLATA

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CULTIVATION

Magnolias vary in shape from the small compact form of *Magnolia stellata* to the round upright habit of *Magnolia kobus* and the erect taller habit of *Magnolia x soulangiana*.

All magnolias will grow in full sun through to shade which can, if excessive, lead to weak growth and sky flowering. Magnolia are tolerant of a wide range of soil types, preferring slightly acidic soil conditions. Prune for shape, removing water shoots promptly. If given plenty of room to develop, the plant will retain its lower branches and enhance the flowering display in Spring.