

## Red Baron Magnolia

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### Red Baron Magnolia *Magnolia 'Red Baron'*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

#### Description:

An exquisitely beautiful magnolia presenting rose-red blooms with white interiors; a large shrub or small tree with a tidy form and large relatively coarse leaves; flowers appear late, just as foliage emerges; an ideal landscape or garden accent

#### Ornamental Features

Red Baron Magnolia is covered in stunning fragrant rose cup-shaped flowers with red overtones and a white reverse held atop the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

#### Landscape Attributes

Red Baron Magnolia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Baron Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

#### Planting & Growing

Red Baron Magnolia will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 for 50 years or more.

This shrub 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



*Red Baron Magnolia flowers*  
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