# **Stonegate Gardens**

# **Royal Crown Magnolia**

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## Royal Crown Magnolia Magnolia 'Royal Crown'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4b

### **Description:**

A hybrid magnolia selected for its lovely pink and white cup-shaped flowers appearing in spring before the leaves; can be maintained as a large shrub or small tree, makes a fine ornamental specimen for smaller yards

#### **Ornamental Features**

Royal Crown Magnolia is smothered in stunning fragrant pink cup-shaped flowers with white overtones held atop the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.



Royal Crown Magnolia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Royal Crown Magnolia is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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

Royal Crown Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

### **Planting & Growing**

Royal Crown Magnolia will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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 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 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.