PLANT FACT SHEET

Magnolia virginiana L.

GENUS *Magnolia* **FAMILY** Magnoliaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet bay, Laurel magnolia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring, Leaves - tea

The leaves are used to give flavour to roasts and gravies.
The leaves are also used to brew a herbal tea.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 20 m high and spreads 4 m wide. The stem is erect and branching. The leaves are long and oval. They are shiny green but bluish underneath. The flowers are white. They have a scent. They are open and 7.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs well drained, moist soil. The soil should be well composted. It needs a protected and partly shady position. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought. It suits hardiness zones 6-9. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

It has anticancer properties.

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