PLANT FACT SHEET

Magnolia grandiflora Linn.

GENUS *Magnolia* **FAMILY** Magnoliaceae

COMMON NAMES Magnolia, Laurel Magnolia, Southern Magnolia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

The flowers are pickled. They are also used as a spice and a condiment. They can be used to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It is a broad cone shape. It grows 25 m high. The trunk is 60-90 cm across. The bark is dark grey and smooth. It becomes furrowed and scaly. The leaves are deep glossy green. They are 13-20 cm long by 5-7.5 cm wide. They are stiff and leathery. They are often a rusty furry colour underneath. The flowers are large and creamy white. They are 15-20 cm wide. They are saucer shaped. They have a scent. The fruit are woody and have bright red seeds. Many cultivated varieties exist.

HABITAT

It suits warm temperate and subtropical regions. It grows naturally on river banks and moist coastal soils in SE USA. It does best in part shade. It can tolerate city pollution. It will grow up to 2,000 m in the Himalayas. It suits hardiness zones 6-9. Melbourne Botanical Gardens. Hobart Botanical Gardens. Arboretum Tasmania. National Arboretum Canberra. In Portland Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. They can also be grown from cuttings or by air-layering or grafting.

NOTES

It has anticancer properties.

PICTURES



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