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RARE MAGNOLIA SALE

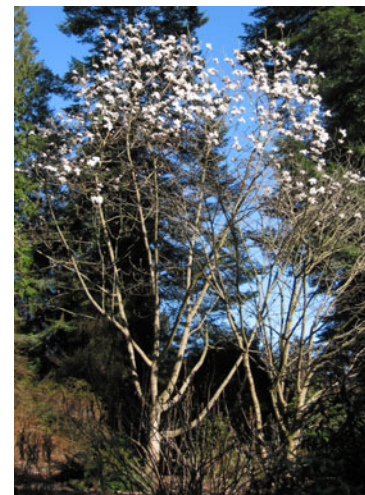
announcement of advanced sales list

Each spring, the tree magnolias at UBC Botanical Garden attract visitors in-the-know, and always make an impression on any who happen upon them unaware at that time. Rarely-seen selections of beautiful Asian species, the magnolias in the David C. Lam Asian Garden were originally brought to UBC from some of the great estates of southern England. Many of these beautiful plants are now more than twenty years old, and are over 10 m (30 feet) tall. Regrettably, most of these uncommon plants are never commercially available in Canada; however, a plan to propagate some of the choicest of them was put into place a couple of years ago, and a limited number of these (*Magnolia sprengeri* and *M. campbellii* cultivars) are now available for sale.

Magnolias may be propagated from seed, from cuttings, or they can be grafted. Grafting ensures that the distinctive qualities of a selection are maintained (seedlings are variable and do not come “true”) and plants come into flower more quickly than those propagated from seed or cuttings. The cultivars that are presently available for sale are grafted on *Magnolia kobus* (northern star magnolia) under-stock. Kobus is hardy and adaptable to growing in a wide variety of soils. The scions (the upper part of the grafted combination) will grow normally atop these rootstocks, but will never achieve great size (a further benefit for most customers), as *M. kobus* rootstock does confer some size control. Ultimate heights will probably be in the range of 7 to 10 metres; i.e., suitable for smaller gardens. Sunny locations are preferred for best flowering, and rich, well-drained soil and protection from northeast winds is also recommended. Note that selections of *Magnolia sprengeri* are hardier than *M. campbellii* and are usually more successful in areas that experience temperatures of -20°C (i.e., inland, away from the ocean). Both species can be touched by late spring frosts as they generally flower early in March—*M. campbellii* a week or two earlier than *M. sprengeri*. For this reason, it is best to site them near trees or buildings, which afford considerable protection when temperatures dip.

There are approximately 50 trees available for sale. All are well-rooted and most are in two-gallon containers. **The majority of the trees are priced at \$55.00.** Our specially chosen cultivars include:

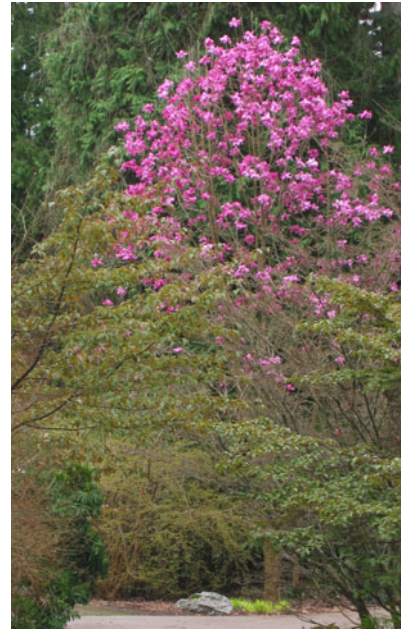
Magnolia campbellii ‘Ethel Hillier’, is a superb cultivar originally selected at Hillier Nursery, the large white tepals flushed pink at their bases. This tree is one of the hardier selections of the Himalayan form of the species (*Magnolia campbellii* subsp. *campbellii*), and is rarely, if ever, offered for sale in North America.





~~*Magnolia campbellii* subsp. *mollicomata* 'Lanarth' was a seed collection by the great Scottish plant hunter George Forrest in 1924 in NW Yunnan, China. It is named after the Cornish estate where the seed was planted. 'Lanarth' has a narrow, upright habit and sumptuous magenta purple flowers. SOLD OUT~~

~~*Magnolia campbellii* subsp. *mollicomata* 'Borde Hill' came from the same Forrest seed lot as 'Lanarth' and is named for the Cornish garden where it first grew. Both 'Lanarth' and 'Borde Hill' are among the darkest of all of the temperate Asian magnolia selections. SOLD OUT~~



~~*Magnolia sprengeri* seed was collected by Ernest 'Chinese' Wilson in 1901 in western Hubei in China. Seed distributed to Caerhays in Cornwall, resulted in a single individual which flowered and was named 'Diva'. Its elegant cup shaped flowers are rose carmine outside and light pink inside. SOLD OUT~~

~~*Magnolia sprengeri* 'Eric Savill' is a small to medium sized tree with dark cerise pink backed white tepals. Another 'Diva' seedling, it originated as a seedling in the Savill Garden at Windsor Great Park. SOLD OUT~~



Photo of 'Copeland Court' by Jim Gardiner

~~*Magnolia sprengeri* 'Copeland Court', another of 'Diva's seedlings, is a small to medium sized tree with a symmetrical, spreading habit and ample, uniformly deep, clear pink flowers. SOLD OUT~~

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