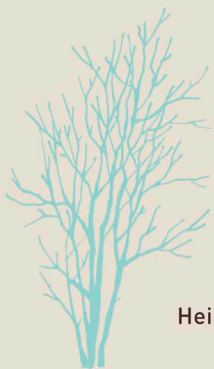


Flower

Fruit



Height range 12-20'



# Sweetbay Magnolia

## *Magnolia virginiana*

### The Magnolia Family (Magnoliaceae)

**Basic Description:** Small to medium sized tree with alternate, tardily deciduous leaves that are white on the underside, and smooth, reddish-brown, mottled bark.

**Interesting Facts:** Named for spice-like fragrance of the leaves, which are used as a cooking spice, and as a tea that treats a broad range of ailments. Colonists named it "Beavertree" because its roots were employed as trapping bait for that animal. Host of the Sweetbay Silkmoth.

**Flower:** White, lemon-scented blooms, 2-3" in diameter, 9 to 12 petals, appearing in late spring.

**Fruit:** 2" long cone-like clusters, pinkish-red to reddish brown, with scarlet-red seeds; ripen in late summer.

**Wildlife Value:** Food and cover source for a limited number of moths and beetles, but few other animals.

**Habitat:** Open woodlands, shaded woods, swamps.

#### LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



#### POLLINATOR

INSECTS



#### WILDLIFE VALUE

LOW

