

Flower



Fruit



6-10"

Height range 50-80'

Southern Magnolia

Magnolia grandiflora

The Magnolia Family (Magnoliaceae)

Basic Description: Tall tree with alternate, large, dark green, shiny, evergreen leaves and smooth to scaly gray bark.

Interesting Facts: In the wild, it is one of the two climax species of a Beech/Magnolia forest. Its blossom is Louisiana's state flower and produces an essential oil used in making fragrances. The bark has been used as a stimulant and as a wash for treating sores and edema.

Flower: 6 - 8" wide, very fragrant with large white petals, occurring in late spring and occasionally a few in the fall.

Fruit: Cylindrical, cone-like pod, 3 to 5" long with bright .5" red seeds, maturing in fall.

Wildlife Value: Seeds from its pods are a minor part of small mammals' and birds' diets; tree has only a limited cover value.

Habitat: Moist to well-drained soils in coastal uplands as well as lowland and coastal woods.

LEAF TYPE
SIMPLE



POLLINATOR
INSECTS



WILDLIFE VALUE
LOW

