East Bay Nursery

Vulcan Magnolia

Magnolia 'Vulcan'



Vulcan Magnolia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A hybrid magnolia selected for the deep ruby red color of its large, cup-shaped flowers; blooms tend to be more pink on younger plants; a large shrub, or elegant small tree with an upright habit, it makes a fine ornamental specimen for smaller yards

Ornamental Features

Vulcan Magnolia is smothered in stunning fragrant ruby-red cup-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and white streaks held atop the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has green deciduous foliage. The large pointy leaves turn coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Vulcan Magnolia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Vulcan Magnolia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Vulcan Magnolia will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.