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# SUNNY MAGNOLIAS



*Yellow Magnolia Hybrid flowers vary from creamy-ivory to sunny yellow in colour. New cultivars appear on the market as breeders cross the Cucumbertree Magnolia (*M. acuminata*) with the Yulan (*M. denudata*) and others in their quest to find the best yellow-flowering Magnolia!! Grown best in full sun to part shade, with yellow tones more intense in cooler climates.*

**Magnolia x 'Butterflies'** has deep yellow, upright flowers resembling butterflies sitting on top of the branches! A truly superior yellow magnolia. Its flowers are smaller than those of 'Elizabeth', but do not fade to cream (except in hot weather). Occasional fruit resembles a small cucumber! Yellowish-green foliage turns yellowish-bronze in fall. Upright pyramidal form (7-9m H x 6-7m W). Zone 4b.



**Magnolia x 'Elizabeth'** is known as one of the first yellow magnolias on the market, and still among the best! Flowers later in the season but before or as the foliage emerges: attractive pointed buds open to large, slightly fragrant primrose-yellow flowers before fading to a cream colour. Foliage unfolds coppery before turning green, changing to yellow in fall. A beautiful, vigorously growing tree with a pyramidal form (7m H x 3m W). Usually sterile (no fruit). Zone 4.

**Magnolia x 'Gold Star'** Gold Star's stunning, fragrant, creamy (pale) yellow flowers, with darker centre, "sparkle" on its bare wood. This hybrid owes its star-shaped flowers to the stellata parentage and the soft yellow colour from the acuminata (Miss Honeybee) side of the family. New foliage has a very attractive burgundy flush, which will gradually disappear as the leaves mature to a dark bluish green. 12m H x 9m W (2.5m H x 1.5m W (10yrs)). Zone 5.

**Magnolia x 'Stellar Acclaim'**, a late flowering Kehr hybrid, with pale yellow, star-shaped, fragrant flowers with a rose flush at base of narrow tepal. Flowers open very flat along the branches, 15-20cm across. The whole tree has the look of the star magnolia, but larger. 7m H x 6m W. Zone 5.

**Magnolia x 'Sunsation'** is another August Kehr hybrid with stunning, cup-shaped, yellow to creamy-yellow flowers, flushed pink/purple at their base (to 18cm wide). Blooms very late, but still before the dark green leaves appear! Upright pyramidal form (7m H x 2.5m W). Zone 5.

**Magnolia x 'Yellow Bird'** is a Brooklyn (Botanic Garden) bred hardy yellow flowering Magnolia. Goblet-shaped yellow flowers, with a slight greenish tinge at the base of outer tepals, appear as the leaves emerge. Flowers are bigger than some other yellows and can last 2 to 3 weeks. Large yellowish-green foliage turns yellowish-bronze in fall. Pyramidal form with an upright branching habit (12m H x 7m W). Zone 4.

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