

# Sweetbay Magnolia

Sweetbay Magnolia is a small tree/large shrub. This Magnolia, unlike others, tolerates wet soil and shade as well as normal garden conditions. This plant is a larval host for the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, the Spicebush Swallowtail and the Sweetbay Silkmoth. Birds feed on the seeds and use the leaves for nest building. The leaves can be used to make tea and as a condiment in gravies. This plant has many medicinal uses. The wood is useful for furniture, broom handles, bowls and light woodenware articles

**NATIVE TO EASTERN  
UNITED STATES**



*Magnolia virginiana*

- Hardiness: Zone 5-9
- Size: 10-20' tall and wide. Medium to fast growth rate
- Flower: Creamy white, 2-3" May to June
- Culture: Sun to part shade and moist to wet soils. Drought tolerant
- Uses: Graceful specimen, patio tree, rain garden, wet areas, fragrant, butterflies, birds, edible, medicinal, perfume, wood for furniture and small implements