

Magnolia yunnanensis hybrid Princess Little Sarah

Common Name Michelia

Height , Low Growing (1.5 - 2m)

Spread , Medium (1 - 2m)

Growing Conditions Drought Tolerant, Full Sun, Low Maintenance, Well Drained



Profile

So many flowers you can hardly see the leaves! Little Sarah is an evergreen tidy shrub, peak flowering in winter-spring and another short burst in summer. Flowers are small and creamy white with a pink blush, lightly perfumed and contrast beautifully with the deep green leathery foliage. Can be grown as a small tree to 2m and is easily maintained as a low screen or hedge.

Uses

Large containers, Low to Medium hedge, Informal screening, Feature tree, Containers, Evergreen Tree, Fragrance, Hedging, Ornamental Tree, Scented Flowers, Screening, Shrubs

Planting

Full Sun

Grows best in well drained soils. For clay soils use raised beds with plenty of organic matter added.

Good drainage is essential for growing Princess Magnolias

Space plants 75cm - 1m apart for a hedge or border.

Dig planting hole approximately twice the size of the pot to be transplanted, adding organic matter to poor or clay soils will be necessary. Place plant into the hole ensuring that surrounding soil is no higher than the existing root ball and backfill with soil. Water well and apply mulch.

Care

Although drought hardy once established Princess Magnolias require regular deep watering for the first 3-4 months until established.

Mulching will help to retain moisture levels in the soil and protect surface roots from extremes of temperature. Mulch layer should be 10cm deep and kept 10cm away from the base of the plant to help ensure adequate airflow around the stem.

Lightly prune in early spring for shape if required.

Can be cut back very hard (removing up to 2/3 of the entire plant) if required for reducing plant size or rejuvenation.

Fertilise with a good quality complete fertiliser in spring and summer.

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