

# Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)

## TREE APPEARANCE

**Type:** deciduous to semi-evergreen

**Form:** upright spreading habit;  
may be multi-stemmed

**Mature height:** 15 - 25 feet

**Spread:** 10 - 20 feet

**Flowers:** creamy white, waxy, lemon-scented  
in May/June

**Fall color:** yellow to yellow-brown

**Fruit:** showy cone-like fruit with red-orange  
berries that ripen in August

**Growth rate:** medium to fast

## CULTURE

**Soil:** moist to dry soils; tolerant of drought  
and extended flooding

**Light:** sun to full shade

## NOTES

Graceful specimen tree with fragrant  
flowers; wildlife feed on fruits;  
semi-evergreen during warm winters



Fragrant Bloom



Sweetbay Magnolia Fruit