

# Southern Magnolia



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# SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA

*Magnolia grandiflora*

FAMILY: Magnoliaceae

## IDENTIFICATION CLUES



**SIZE:** medium tree, up to 35 feet



**LEAF:** evergreen and 6 - 8 inches long; simple, smooth, thick, dark green on top; rusty fuzz beneath



**FLOWER:** large white petals and showy; fragrant



**FRUIT:** 3 - 5 inch long cylindrical fruit with bright red berries in the fall



**BARK:** gray to brown; smooth on young trees and scaly on older trees



### Where to Look

Southern magnolia is native to the coastal plains of Georgia but is used as a stately landscape tree throughout the state.

### Importance to Humans

Southern magnolia is used for furniture and wood pallets. It is also an important landscape tree planted for its evergreen foliage and showy, fragrant flowers.

### Importance to Wildlife

Squirrel, opossum, quail and turkey eat the seeds of southern magnolia.