

Spring Welcome[®] Magnolia

Magnolia xloebneri 'Ruth' (Family: *Magnoliaceae*)

Description: Outstanding pest-free winter hardy selection of Loebner Magnolia that blooms reliably even after early spring frosts. Spring Welcome[®] is dense, well branched with flowers that are pale pink in bud, gradually opening to pristine white with 11 to 13+ tepals.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zone 3 to 7

Mature Size: Height: 20', Spread: 20'

Form (Shape): Dense oval to rounded large shrub to small tree.

Growth Rate: Slow

Foliage:

Summer: High quality dark green

Autumn: Yellow-green to bronze

Texture: Medium

Flower: Pink in bud, gradually opening to clean white with 11 to 13+ tepals and 3 to 4 ½" in diameter. Blooms reliably and flower buds are hardy even below -35 °F. No tepal damage even after early spring frosts.

Fruit: Aggregate of follicles, unique shape with some ornamental interest.

Light Preferences: Full sun exposure for best flowering

Soil Preferences: Prefers rich well-drained soil. pH adaptable.

Propagation: Bud grafting or rooted stem cuttings.

Ornamental Attributes: Outstanding spring flowering specimen plant.

Landscape Attributes: Can be grown single or multi-trunked. Recommended for use as a large foundation shrub or small specimen tree.

Comments: Spring Welcome[®] has outperformed other Loebner Magnolia hybrids tested in USDA hardiness zone 4.

Availability: Heritage Seedlings and Liners, Inc. (OR), J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co. (OR)

