

# Magnolia x loebneri

## Löbner's Magnolia



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Spring flower buds

*Magnolia x loebneri* is a deciduous Magnolia, compact in habit and often grown as a large shrub or small tree.

In springtime, flower buds appear from velvety casings on bare branches. The long, narrow petals open first as a goblet shape and then as star shaped flowers. Mid-green, oval leaves follow the flowers and in autumn turn shades of yellow.

*Magnolia x loebneri* is a hybrid of *Magnolia kobus* and *Magnolia stellata*, crossed in the early 1900's by German, Max Löbner. The first flower appeared in 1917. Like most Magnolias, this species does best on acid soil however it is also tolerant of chalk.

*Magnolia x loebneri* is available from Deepdale Trees as a standard, multistem or pleached tree.

### ***Magnolia x loebneri* 'Merrill'**

A white flowered variety and also the most prolific. Named after Dr Merrill a former director of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University where this variety was cultivated.

## Plant Profile

**Name:** *Magnolia x loebneri*

**Common Name:** Löbner's Magnolia

**Family:** Magnoliaceae

**Height:** Approx 8m

**Demands:** Ideal in acid soil but also tolerant of chalkier soils

**Flowers:** Star shaped flowers on bare branches in spring

**Foliage:** Fairly small, mid green, oval leaves in spring and summer. Yellow in Autumn.



Pleached *Magnolia x loebneri* 'Merrill'

# Magnolia x loebneri

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Deepdale  
*Magnolia x loebneri* 'Leonard Messel'

A pink flowering variety, occurring by chance in the garden of Colonel Leonard Messel at his home Nymans, Sussex



*Magnolia x loebneri*  
 'Leonard Messel' flower  
 (and lacewing)



40-45cm girth, half stem



4.0-4.5m multistem



2.0-3.0m multistem 'Leonard Messel'



*Magnolia x loebneri* 'Merrill' flower



Magnolia fruit