

# Magnolia 'Susan'



*Magnolia* 'Susan' (*Magnolia* 'Susan') is one of the eight deVos-Kosar hybrids, better known as the 'Eight Little Girls'. The eight seedlings were selected from a cross-breed between *Magnolia liliiflora* and *Magnolia stellata* by Francis deVos and William Kosar of the National Arboretum in Washington D.C., United States. *Magnolia* 'Susan' – commonly known as the *Magnolia* Susan tulip tree – becomes a large shrub or small tree with a wide, vase-shaped, semi-open crown that is 3 metres tall and 3 metres wide.

All winter long, the large, very hairy buds of the *Magnolia* 'Susan' herald its gorgeous blossoms. In late April, early May, the selection fantastically blooms large, bell-shaped, pink-violet flowers, with a pleasing fragrance reminiscent of cloves. After blooming, the large, obovate leaves bud green, stay green in summer and turn yellow in autumn. *Magnolia* 'Susan' rarely bears fruit. The few fruits that appear are orange and pink-red and hang from the tree in racemes.

*Magnolia* 'Susan' is a beautiful multi-stem tree for large and small gardens, with a high decorative value in spring. The selection is also good for use in central reservations, planters and containers. *Magnolia* 'Susan' tolerates moderate wind and prefers to grow in light areas. Plant the tree in nutrient-rich soil that is not too heavy but is moist, with an acidic to neutral pH value.

## SEASONAL COLOURS



## TYPES OF PLANTING

**Tree types:** standard trees, half-stem trees, multi-stemmed trees, solitary shrubs | **Topiary on stem:** multi-stem umbrella

## USE

**Location:** park, central reservation, in containers, large garden, small garden, patio, cemetery | **Pavement:** none, open

## CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 2.5 - 3 m | **Width:** 3 - 3.5 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 6A - 8B

## ASPECTS

**Wind:** slightly tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** moist | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** acidic, neutral (5.6 - 7.5)

## PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** tulip-shaped, striking, singular, big, scented | **Flower colour:** pink-violet | **Flowering period:** April - May | **Leaf colour:** green | **Leaves:** deciduous, obovate, big | **Autumn colour:** yellow | **Fruits:** striking, rarely fruits, raceme | **Fruit colour:** orange, pink-red | **Bark colour:** grey | **Bark:** smooth | **Twig colour:** grey-brown | **Twigs:** bare, with lenticels | **Root system:** shallow, coarse roots, fleshy roots