

TREE DESCRIPTIONS

The **Southern magnolia** grows at a slow to medium rate to 60'-80' tall with a 30'-50' spread. This stately evergreen has a broadly pyramidal shape; thick, glossy leaves; and large, creamy white fragrant spring flowers. In September through late fall, bright red seeds emerge from the mature 3"-5", cone-like tan or pinkish-red fruits and hang temporarily by silken threads until they drop. This tree needs a large space, full sun to partial shade, and acid, moist, well-drained soil.

The **Sweetbay magnolia** grows at a medium rate to 60' tall, a deciduous, semi-evergreen to evergreen tree in the south, or 10'-20' tall and wide, deciduous shrub in the north. It has glossy green leaves; creamy white, mild lemon-scented spring flowers; and 2" long, pink-to-dark-red fruits that ripen in August to early fall exposing bright red seeds. Fall leaf color may be yellow to yellow-brown. This tree does well in sun and shade, well-drained to wet soils, but requires acid soil.

Crapemyrtle grows fast to 15'-20' tall with a 6'-15' spread. The striking flowers have wrinkled petals like crepe paper in colors of white, pink, or red. They bloom from late spring to fall. The leaves in summer are dark green changing in fall to yellows, oranges, and reds. Exfoliating thin gray bark exposes a smooth, varied-colored under bark ranging from brown to gray.

4575 – 5 Flowering Trees



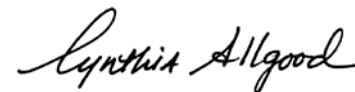
Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key and tree color code chart are on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or on the online Tree Guide at arborday.org.

We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at info@arborday.org.

Best regards,



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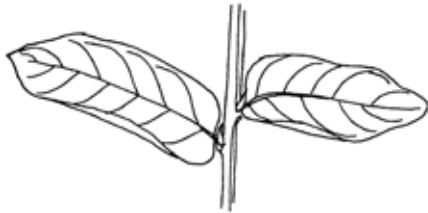
Leaf Identification



Southern Magnolia



Sweetbay Magnolia



Crapemyrtle

COLOR CODE CHART

Five Flowering Trees
(Package 4575)

<u>Tree</u>	<u>Paint Color (above roots)</u>
2 Southern Magnolia (<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>)	Dark Blue
2 Sweetbay Magnolia (<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>)	White
1 Crapemyrtle (<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>)	Red