



LOOK FOR DARK
GLOSSY LEAVES

SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA

MAGNOLIA GRANDIFLORA

This iconic Southern tree has large, lustrous dark green leaves with a soft, rusty underside. They are usually found as specimen trees in yards around Charlotte. Although an evergreen tree, some leaves are shed each fall. The large, creamy white flowers have a lemony fragrance. Large, woody seed pods support multiple red, bean-shaped seeds that shed in the fall.



TYPE:
Evergreen



SIZE:
80 feet high
50 feet wide



SUN:
Full sun to part shade



FLOWERS:
Fragrant, large, creamy
white and showy



USDA ZONES:
6-10



ID TIPS:
Dark green glossy
leaves with a rusty red
underside



WILDLIFE VALUE:
Red fruit is eaten by
squirrels, rabbits and
birds.



INTERESTING FACT:
Fossils have revealed
that magnolia plants
existed at least 20
million years ago.

