



LOOK FOR A SILVER LINING
TO THIS LEAF!

SWEETBAY MAGNOLIA

MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA

Sweetbay magnolia is a small, usually multi-stemmed tree. This native ornamental has attractive, lemon-scented flowers in late spring. Glossy green foliage persists on the tree nearly all year long. Showy red cone-like fruit provides color in the fall and smooth gray bark adds contrast in winter.



TYPE:

Semi-evergreen



SIZE:

60 feet high
35 feet wide



SUN:

Full sun to part shade



FLOWERS:

Cup-shaped, fragrant
(lemony), creamy white
flowers



USDA ZONES:

5-10



ID TIPS:

The leaf is a bright silver-white on the underside.



WILDLIFE VALUE:

Host plant for the eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly; red cone-like fruit provide food for wildlife.



INTERESTING FACT:

Pollinators, especially beetles, are attracted to the pollen that is high in protein.

