

Ashe magnolia



Plant Botanical Name:

Magnolia ashei

USBG Plant Location:

Conservatory

Conservatory Room Location:

Southern Exposure

Sunlight:

Part shade

Plant Soil Type:

Rich, acidic soils

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

The Ashe magnolia is a small tree with a broad, round top. It has leaves 2-3 feet long and sometimes a foot wide. They are wider near the tip than at the surface and whitish beneath. The blossoms are fragrant, creamy white and up to 6 inches long and about half as wide. This very rare species is found in the Florida panhandle, and is closely related to bigleaf magnolia. It is named for William Willard Ashe (1872-1932), a forester of the U.S. Forest Service. This is a garden plant due to flower size, fragrance and because it flowers as early as three years from seed.

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