FACTS OF SEED COUNTER LIFE - 2013 Read before ordering!

Welcome to the Magnolia Society International Seed Counter 2013. This year seed orders will be processed at the Henry Botanic Garden in Gladwyne, PA on March 30th and the seeds mailed on April 1st. Seed orders MUST be received by March 29th - no exceptions will be allowed. So do whatever you need to do to get your order in on time! This year I strongly suggest sending your order by email (see ordering instructions below).

Well, it had to happen eventually. This is the smallest seed list I have offered since taking over the Seed Counter in 1997. The cause? Bad luck, mostly. There was simultaneous seed crop failure in many places, including New England. Especially serious for the Seed Counter was the poor seed harvest at Dennis Ledvina’s. Seeds from the Ledvina breeding program and collection have been the heart of the seed list for many years, and their relative absence is keenly felt. Many thanks to all our donors who were able to send in seeds. It is their kindness and generosity that enable all of us to grow such wonderful Magnolias and their efforts are much appreciated. As always, the Seed Counter is grateful to Susan Treadway, who is again hosting the seed distribution at the Henry Botanic Garden and to our precious seed pickers who help on distribution day. Their hard work enables all of you to receive your seeds in a timely fashion.

As many of you know, the Seed Counter is a one person operation until the seed distribution day. Each year I just barely get the preparations done before the distribution. The labor shortage is why the Seed Counter cannot accept special orders or ship to places (like Australia or New Zealand) that have restrictive customs requirements. It is also why you don’t want to do anything that stresses the system. Anything out of the ordinary increases the chances that your order will be screwed up! As we say in English, “a word to the wise is sufficient.”

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

This year you are entitled to purchase five (5) packets of Magnolia seeds, one of which may be a hand-cross. For open-pollinated seeds, a packet will generally consist of 10 seeds.

Sit down, read the seed list, and place your order without delay. Prices are $4.00/packet for seeds of garden origin, and $6.00/packet for hand-crosses. Be sure to add a $2.00 (USA) or $4.00 (foreign orders) postage and mailing supplies charge to the total. Again, the maximum order is 5 packets of Magnolia seeds. Many items are in short supply so please list substitutions.

Payment MUST accompany your order. I urge you to pay by credit card if you can. Credit card information may be safely sent the mail or by email (split the card information between two emails). Checks or money orders are OK too, but since we don’t do refunds you may find yourself making an involuntary donation to the Magnolia Society if we cannot send you the seeds you want. Checks or money orders in US Dollars should be made out to the Magnolia Society International. Cash (US dollars) is acceptable, and payment by VISA or MASTERCARD is encouraged. For credit card orders, be sure to send your name as it is printed on the card, the card type, card number, and the expiration date (Print clearly!). Whatever you do, do not pay via the online payment mechanism on the MSI website! There are several reasons why online payment does not work well for either the Seed Counter or you, MSI members. There is no space to explain why here, so take my word for it and just don’t do it.

Please send orders to cover@oeb.harvard.edu or to: Stefan Cover, Entomology Department, MCZ-26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 USA.

REMEMBER: Orders will not be accepted after March 29th, 2013!
THE MAGNOLIA SOCIETY SEAL COUNTER 2013 - THE SEED LIST

OPEN-POLLINATED SEEDS:  $4.00/packet. 10 seeds per packet, more if supply allows.

*Magnolia acuminata* (Parris). Collected at the Milliken Arboretum in South Carolina.

*Magnolia acuminata* (Crosby). A tree with yellow flowers growing in Orono, Maine!

*Magnolia ashei*. (Scott Arboretum, Bunting).


*Magnolia cylindrica* 89472. (Wespelaar – 2012). Plant reared from wild-collected seeds obtained from the Holden Arboretum.

*Magnolia dealbata* 86-0507. (Berkely Botanical Garden). [limit: 1 packet = 5 seeds]. This Mexican plant is sometimes referred to as a variety of *M. macrophylla* and it is very much like *M. macrophylla* in general appearance. Hardiness is still relatively uncertain because the plant has not been extensively tested. Almost certainly hardy to USDA Zone 7 or 6B. Very few seeds and I’m not sure how viable they are.


*Magnolia garrettii* (Ledvina). [limit: 1 packet of 5 seeds].

*Magnolia grandiflora* 90-151*B .(Scott Arboretum/Bunting).

*Magnolia grandiflora* 91-501*A (Scott Arboretum/Bunting)

*Magnolia grandiflora* 90-175*B (Scott Arboretum/Bunting).


*Magnolia grandiflora* ‘Victoria’ 91-342*A. (Scott Arboretum/Bunting).


*Magnolia grandiflora*. ‘Charles Dickens’ (Krenitsky). A hardy, truly unusual grandiflora cultivar with dark, shiny, leathery foliage, and very red seed pods.

*Magnolia grandiflora* seedling (Krenitsky). Selected from Pat McCracken’s collection for exceptional cold hardiness.


*Magnolia kobus* [pink form] (Ledvina -2012). A tree obtained from Augie Kehr. Possibly a hybrid.

*Magnolia laevifolia* (Johnston). The well-known, attractive, shrubby former “Michelia..” For some unknown reason, I have had considerable trouble keeping seeds of this species viable.

*Magnolia laevifolia* (Guthrie). See above.

*Magnolia macrophylla* (Nograsek). From a tree thriving in Austria.

*Magnolia macrophylla* ‘Whopper’ seedling. (Krenitsky). Tree with extra large leaves and flowers.

*Magnolia macrophylla* X *tripetala*. (Ledvina).

*Magnolia rajaniana* (Ledvina). Just a very few.
Magnolia sieboldii 94267. (Wespelaar).


Magnolia sieboldii (Weagle). Isolated plant of Korean origin, grown from seed from Chollipo Arboretum.
About 12' tall, its flowers are slightly larger than “Halifax Hardy,” stamens dark pink to burgundy.
A tough, vigorous plant.

Magnolia sieboldii 92119B. (Wespelaar).

Magnolia sieboldii (Longwood Gardens - Bunting).

Magnolia sieboldii 93.0937. (Berkeley Botanic Gardens).

Magnolia stellata ‘Royal Star’ 84332. (Wespelaar).

Magnolia stellata (Crosby). Very hardy 30 year old tree with pure white flowers growing in Maine.

Magnolia tripetala 84741. (Wespelaar - 2012).

Magnolia tripetala (82-2203. (Berkeley Botanic Garden).

Magnolia tripetala (Nograsek). Tree growing in Austria.


Magnolia tripetala X obovata (Ledvina).

Magnolia virginiana 'Moonglow' (Ashcraft). Tree growing in Michigan.

Magnolia virginiana (Ledvina – 2012).

Magnolia wilsonii 89086 (Wespelaar - 2012). Close relative of *M. sieboldii*, forming an small upright tree or
large shrub. Thrives in maritime or montane climates, but will not grow in continental climates.

Magnolia wilsoni ex DJHC 98369 (Bunting). From a collection by Dan Hinckley.

Magnolia zenii 'Pink Parchment' (Ledvina). Selected by Michael Dirr, recently identified as a *zenii* hybrid in

**WILD-COLLECTED SEEDS:** $6.00 / packet. [limit: 1 packet = 10 seeds].

*Magnolia macrophylla* (Johnston). Hall Co., Georgia.


*Magnolia fraseri* (Guthrie). Rabun Co., Georgia.

**HAND-CROSSES:** $6.00 / packet [limit: 1 packet = 10 seeds].

Hand-crosses from Dennis Ledvina – *all available only in small quantities*

‘Silk Road’ X *M. insignis* #355.

‘Silk Road’ is a *tripetala X [tripetala X obovata]* cross.

Hand-cross from Tom Krenitsky

*Magnolia grandiflora* 'Brown Velvet' X *M. grandiflora* 'variegata