

Magnolias in my London Garden

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(This list of Magnolias thriving in a London town-garden was part of a personal letter from Mr. Massey to myself. His fine selection of species seemed well worth sharing with the membership, and I trust he will not object to the letter being published as an article). P.J.S.

Here is a list of the Magnolias in my garden:

- M. × 'Watsonii' - Two big plants. Far and away the finest flowers of any!
- M. × 'Thompsoniana' - Two big plants. Always full of fragrant flowers from June 'till August.
- M. *virginiana* - Three big plants. Two bloom well, but one has never bloomed.
- M. *salicifolia* - Two big plants, and always plenty of flowers.
- M. *obovata** - One young plant, no bloom.
- M. *officinalis* - Good sized tree but no flowers yet.
- M. *grandiflora* - 'Exmouth', 'Goliath', and 'St. George'. Doing well, but no flowers yet.
- M. × 'Lilenne' - A hybrid of M. *liliflora* and M. × 'Lennei'. Has flowered.
- M. *liliflora* 'Nigra' - Two plants of fair size have flowered.
- M. *macrophylla* - One plant two feet high.
- M. *kobus* var. *stellata* - Two plants in tubs, one the ordinary white, the other 'Rosea'. I am not fond of *stellata*, but my wife likes them.
- M. × *soulangiana* - One plant of ordinary form. Good
- Two 'Picture' from Pickard. Excellent.
 - One 'Burgundy' from Pickard. Nice pink.
 - One 'Brozzonii'. Not bad.
 - One 'Rustica Rubra'. Big shrub, few flowers.
 - Two 'Lennei'. Good.
 - One 'Alba Superba'. Very good.
- M. *globosa* - Two plants that grow very slowly. Not good.
- M. *denudata* - one magnificent tree, a real sight every spring! Have also ordered from Treseder's of Truro; M. *ashei* and M. × 'Charles Coates'.
- How's that for being an optimist!

* = M. *hypoleuca*.