



Magnolia splendens.

foliage extended down to within arm's reach. This 30-foot tree had only 2 open flowers so I felt real lucky that one of these was on a low branch. The flower was quite small with the tepals not fully reflexed and it appeared to be nodding slightly, probably due to the ever-present rain. It had 3 green sepals and 6 pure white tepals. Two of the 3 sepals were fully reflexed while the other, being only partially green, was still erect behaving more like a tepal. Here are the rest of the statistics:

Flower Diameter 3¾"
 (open flat/longest diameter)
 Sepals 2" long × 1" wide
 Tepals (Inner) 1½" long
 Tepals (Outer) 2¼" long (max.)
 Tepal width 1⅜" wide (max.)
 Pedicel ⅜" long × ¼" diameter
 Peduncle . 1⅜" long × 3/16" diameter

Finally there was the big surprise. Expecting the fragrance to resemble the lemony scent of *M. grandiflora*, I was amazed to find that it was not at all like its stateside relative, but rather like a mild *M. hypoleuca* or *M. sieboldii* fragrance.



Author shows *M. splendens*.

Magnolia 'Sundance'

Magnolia 'Sundance' is the name of a new yellow-flowered hybrid of *M. acuminata* × *denudata* being registered by August E. Kehr with Peter Del Tredici, Registrar (see separate story). August reports that its tepals are barium yellow, 10B (HCC 503-1) with inside color 10-C-D (HCC 503-2). The flowers are 8 inches in diameter, and the tree is vigorous and propagates readily from cuttings. It will be available from Gossler Nursery, Eugene, Oregon.

M. 'Sundance' is at present 5 years old, having been raised by August from a hybridization made by the late Joseph C. McDaniel. It first flowered in 1983, and up to now has withstood a winter temperature of -6 degrees F. We have a special interest in letting people know about this big yellow. August says he'll send rooted cuttings of it, f.o.b., to each of the first five persons who contribute articles that are published in this journal.