

## 1999 Cultivar Registrations

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**'Banana Split'** (*M. × brooklynensis* **'Woodsman'** × *M. × soulangiana* **'Lennei'**) × *M. 'Elizabeth'*)

This cultivar has flowers that are green in a pointed, elongated bud, opening to show nine tepals, up to 15 cm long × 5 cm wide (see photo below). Large outer tepals are yellow-cream with a green base and five to seven purple stripes. The inner tepals are white with a green base and larger purplish flash from base to middle of the tepal. The overall impression is pale, (more so than 'Elizabeth') big, floppy flowers, flowering with the leaves. This is one of eleven seedlings of the same cross, made by August Kehr using 'Elizabeth' as the pollen parent. Three siblings have flowered and the flowers of these are much smaller and more irregular than those of 'Banana Split.' The tree of 'Banana Split' is vigorous and upright, reaching four meters in height in seven years. It is a late-blooming cultivar, blooming a few days after 'Lime-light', not sickle-shaped, and paler than that cultivar. The tree has withstood -13 °Celsius in 1999, and flowers have withstood severe late frost (-5 °C) with some flowers slightly damaged when opening a week later. The seedling flowered at seven years of age. Registered August 11, 1999 by Philippe de Spoelberch of Belgium, the plant has been distributed to Rutten Nurseries, Netherlands. ☞

### **Additional Notes on Magnolia 'Lois'**

Magnolia 'Lois' was registered by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and published in *Magnolia*, issue 64. The parentage is *M. acuminata* (seed parent) by (*M. acuminata* × *M. denudata*) as pollen parent. Additional information: this cross, known as BBG 11/60, was made in 1980 by Lola Koerting, plant breeder at Brooklyn Botanic Garden at that time. The pollen parent was BBG 853, a sibling of 'Elizabeth.' ☞



*'Banana Split.'*  
(Philippe de Spoelberch)