general visual impression in the garden is that cutting-raised plants are some 2-3 times bigger than the grafts.

I would be interested to know if this reflects the experience of others, perhaps in different climatic conditions; whether there are differences in growth rates where other understocks are concerned; in raising cuttings, whether anyone has made any 'rootability' tests across a representative range of cultivars; and whether mist is more effective, generally, than plastic.

A footnote: Having been sent scions of Manglietia fordiana and the only understocks available being M. kobus, these were used. I now have a plant up to the greenhouse roof. Does this mean that Manglietia is very closely allied to Magnolia, or is it that M. kobus can be used as an authentically universal understock for Magnoliaceae? Has anyone succeeded in establishing M. grandiflora on M. kobus? Or perhaps Michelia?


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