

Southern Magnolia

Magnolia grandiflora

The species name describes the significant feature of this tree: grandiflora which means large flower. In the summer, this evergreen tree boasts white flowers 6-8 inches in diameter that have a lemon smell.

Because of the waxy green leaf and showy flower, this tree is often planted as an ornamental tree in suburban landscapes. In the wild, it often grows along streams and likes the company of oaks and other hardwoods, just like in this park.

But, did you know that this tree is an ancient species, one of the oldest on earth?

The lumber of this tree is harvested and used for constructing upholstered furniture frames.

The seeds are eaten by squirrels, opossums, quail, and turkey.



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