

**Spring Welcome® Magnolia  
(RFM-42)**

*Magnolia x loebneri 'Ruth' (Family: Magnoliaceae)*

**Description:** Outstanding pest-free winter hardy selection of Loebner Magnolia that blooms reliably even after early spring frosts. Spring Welcome® is dense, well branched with flowers that are pale pink in bud, gradually opening to pristine white with 11–13+ tepals.

**Hardiness:** USDA hardiness zone 3 - 7

**Mature Size:** Height: 20', Spread: 20'

**Form:** Dense oval to rounded large shrub to small tree.

**Growth Rate:** Slow.

**Foliage:** Summer: High quality dark green  
Autumn: Yellow-green to bronze

**Texture:** Medium

**Flowers:** Pink in bud, gradually opening to clean white with 11 –13+ tepals and 3 – 4 ½" in diameter. Blooms reliably and flower buds are hardy even below -35 °F. No tepal damage even after early spring frosts.

**Fruit:** Aggregate of follicles, unique shape with some ornamental interest

**Light Preference:** Full sun exposure for best flowering

**Soil Preference:** Prefers rich well-drained soil. pH adaptable.

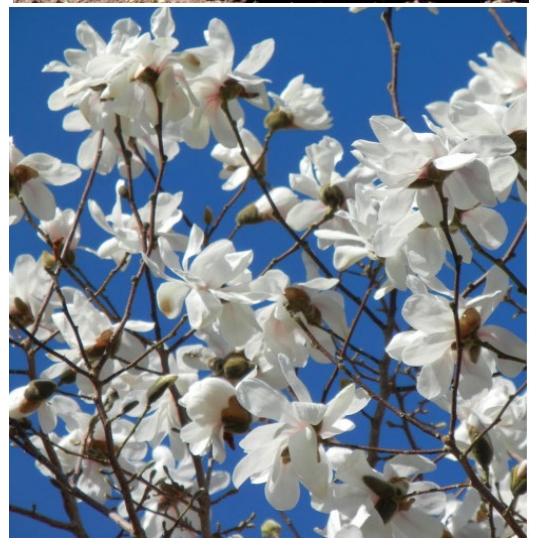
**Propagation:** Bud grafting or rooted stem cuttings.

**Ornamental Attributes:** Outstanding spring flowering specimen plant.

**Landscape Attributes:** Can be grown single or multi-trunked. Recommended for use as a large foundation shrub or small specimen tree.

**Comments:** Spring Welcome® has outperformed other Loebner Magnolia hybrids tested in USDA hardiness zone 4.

**Availability:** Heritage Seedlings, Inc.



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