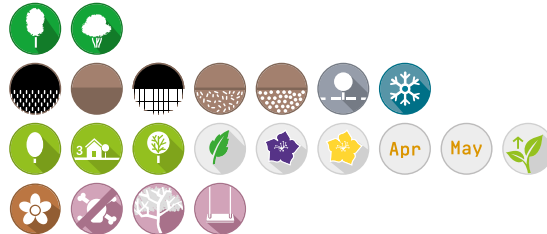




Magnolia acuminata 'Blue Opal'



Height	4-6 m
Width	4-6m
Crown	oval, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	grey
Leaf	green
Flowers	blue, yellow, flowers in April-May
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	5 (-28,8 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

'Blue Opal' is a vigorous but somewhat erratic upright growing tree growing 4-6 m tall. Its brownish-grey twigs and smooth grey bark are unremarkable. The leaves, like those of the species *M. acuminata*, are large and shiny bright green. At the same time as the leaves unfurl, the flowers appear. These are, for a *Magnolia*, not very large. But the colour is special. The outer petals are blue-green and light grey-blue frosted. The inner petals, which become visible as the flowers open further, are pale yellow. In the search for blue-flowering *Magnolia*, 'Blue Opal' was the first introduction.

Grows, like *M. acuminata*, in any sufficiently permeable soil. The roots of this *Magnolia* are also fleshy and do not tolerate standing water around the roots. It is a sun lover and prefers a warm, sunny spot. Hardiness zone 5.