

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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