New cultivar registrations 2010-2011

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The following two cultivars were submitted by William Forster, Dennison, Illinois, USA. Both trees grow just west of Charleston, Illinois (USDA zone 5b), in black prairie loam soil. Selected, named, and cultivated by Wesley Whiteside who received seeds from the late J.C. McDaniel of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. The seed parent was *Magnolia *brooklynensis 'Woodsman'*; the pollen parent is unknown. The following two trees described below were selected out of a dozen seedlings that resulted from this cross. These magnolias prefer full sun and moisture-retentive soils.

'Illini Gold' (Magnolia xbrooklynensis 'Woodsman' x unknown taxon)

The tree is described as a vigorous grower and at 26 years of age is estimated to have a height of 35ft (10.6m) and a width of 15ft (4.5m). The flowers were first observed in 1995 and are described as an excellent yellow and produced in large amounts. Typical bloom time is late April in southern Illinois. The tree shape and flowers are very similar to *M. acuminata*.



'Illini Moonlight' (Magnolia xbrooklynensis 'Woodsman' x unknown taxon)

The tree is described as a vigorous grower and at 26 years of age is estimated to have a height of 35ft (10.6m) and a width of 15ft (4.5m). The flowers were first observed in 1995 and are described as medium yellow and smaller in size compared to 'Illini Gold'. Typically in bloom in late April in southern Illinois, tree shape and flowers are very similar to *M. acuminata*.



Both trees are available from:

Whitman Farms 3995 Gibson Road, NW Salem, Oregon, 97304 http://whitmanfarms.com

Magnolia Store Piet Vergeldt Boomkwekerij bv Horsterdijk 103 5973 PM Lottum The Netherlands http://www.magnoliastore.com

Registered by William Forster, Dennison, Illinois, USA

'Simpson's Hardy' (Magnolia grandiflora)

This tree has grown for over 60 years at the Simpson Nursery Company, Vincennes, Indiana, USA (USDA, zone 6a). It was originally purchased from an unknown source. Robert Simpson, the original proprietor of the nursery, had planted it as a Mother's Day gift. The tree is considered unique for its hardiness, surviving -30°F (-34°C). It is described as pyramidal when grown in full sun, producing large white flowers 12in (30cm) in diameter. The foliage is heavy, dark green with good indumentum. At present time the tree is 65ft (20m) in height and 30ft (9m) in width. The tree has carried the unofficial name of 'Simpson' for a few years and was

previously mentioned under this name in this journal, Issue 60, Summer 1996. However, according to Betsy Simpson, daughter of the late Robert Simpson, and current proprietor of the Simpson Nursery Company, they have always referred to it as 'Simpson





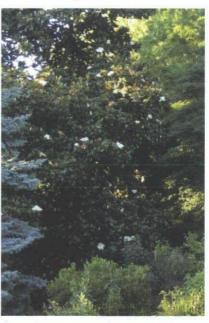
Hardy' or 'Simpson's Hardy'. The current registration of this name attempts to stabilize its use in the nursery trade and capture the unique cold tolerance of this primarily southern species. It is recommended that the tree be purchased on its own roots to insure a hardy constitution, or at the very least, be grafted on rootstock known to be hardy in northern climates.

The tree is available from:

The Simpson Nursery Company 1504 Wheatland Rd PO Box 1216 Vincennes, IN 47591 info@simpsonnursery.com

Rare Find Nursery 957 Patterson Road Jackson, NJ 08527 rarefindnurserv.com support@rarefindnursery.com

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Original tree located at Simpson Nursery, Vincennes, Indiana, USA

Registered by William Forster, Dennison, Illinois, USA, on behalf of Betsy Simpson.

'After Elizabeth' (Magnolia hybrid origin)

Selected and named by Tom Krenitsky of Chapel Hill, North Carolina,

USA. The tree was raised as a seedling of unknown progeny. First observed in the spring of 1990, it exhibits flowers similar to Magnolia ×soulangeana but with distinct markings (purplish-red) on the outer tepals. Magnolia expert Richard Figlar has suggested that it may be a backcross of Magnolia liliiflora with M. ×soulangeana. It flowers prolifically and over a



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three-week period. The originator noted its late March bloom (after frosts) as a positive attribute. It always followed the bloom of *Magnolia* 'Elizabeth' in his garden; thus, he decided upon the name designated here. Subsequently, it has been



propagated by Camellia Forest Nursery in Chapel Hill, NC, and reportedly roots easily under mist and grows well in containerized production. The tree can be grown as a multi-stem or single stem tree in production. Currently, the original tree is 20ft. (6m) tall and has multiple trunks. The tree has been distributed in Europe in recent years and is available in the USA from:

Camellia Forest Nursery 620 Hwy 54 West Chapel Hill, NC 27516 http://www.camforest.com/ CamelliaForest@gmail.com

Registered by Tom Krenitsky of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA







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