These attractive, ornamental, evergreen flowering shrubs and trees are closely related to Magnolias, belonging to the same family (Magnoliaceae). But unlike Magnolias, Michellas are usually evergreen. The flowers of many species are usually fragrant. Although some may be named botanically as a Michella, the common name may include the name Magnolia.

**USES:** Feature tree, avenue planting, hedging/screening, pleaching, large container planting.

**PLANTING TIPS:** Mulch and water well until established, especially in the warmer months.

**SOIL TYPE:** Michelas prefer moist, fertile, well-drained soil that is slightly acidic.

**ASPECT:** Prefers a sheltered and sunny position. Can tolerate light shade. Need protection from strong winds.

**PRUNING:** Prune after flowering to maintain shape and bushiness.

**WATER REQUIREMENTS:** Keep well watered during spring and summer.

**FEEDING:** Feed annually in spring and autumn with a complete fertilizer.

**PESTS & PROBLEMS:** No major pest or diseases.

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**Michelia Scented Pearl - Michelia yunnanensis Scented Pearl**

Medium sized evergreen shrub baring clusters of furry brown buds, which open to reveal an abundance of round creamy white flowers with bright yellow stamens. Selected for its compact form, ‘Scented Pearl’ makes a stunning informal hedge, and it can even be espaliered. Prefers full sun to partial shade, and a rich, moist, well-drained soil. Tip prune after flowering. Protect from strong winds. Frost tolerant.

**Height:** 2-3m **Width:** 2m

**Form:** Compact, upright form. **Foliage:** Dark green, rounded leaves. **Flowers:** Round creamy white flowers with bright yellow stamens in spring. Blooms have a subtle fragrance.

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**Port Wine Magnolia – Michelia figo**

A dense, evergreen shrub with narrow pointed, bright green leaves. Used often for hedging, as it is low maintenance, however it is slow growing. Singular flowers of a tight tulip form, wine-brown in colour, give a heavy sweet fragrance. Will grow well in moderately fertile, free draining soil. Prefers full sun. Not suited to temperatures below 0°C. Protect from strong winds. Feed and mulch well in spring. Avoid transplanting once established.

**Height:** 2-3m **Width:** 2-3m

**Form:** Rounded, dense, evergreen shrub, or small tree. **Foliage:** Small, glossy green, oval shaped leaves. **Flowers:** Small purple tulip-shaped flowers appear in spring through to early summer. They remain closed. Flowers have a strong fragrance, especially noticeable in the evening.

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**Lady of the Night Magnolia - Michelia figo Lady of the Night**

‘Lady of the Night’ is a taller, more resilient and faster growing version of the Michelia figo and has larger flowers and leaves. A hardy, evergreen shrub, or small tree, with stunning highly scented cream and magenta flowers. Ideal for hedging and pots. Prefers moist well drained soil in a sunny to partly shaded position. Prune after flowering to maintain compact growth.

**Height:** 4m **Width:** 2m

**Form:** Rounded, dense, evergreen shrub, or small tree. **Foliage:** Large, glossy green, oval shaped leaves. **Flowers:** Magenta tinged, cream flowers produced in spring, summer and autumn. Highly scented.
**Michelia Coco - Michelia doltsopa**

A beautiful evergreen tree with beautiful, white, heavenly scented flowers in spring. Makes an ideal feature tree or tall screening plant. Suits avenue planting. Thrives in a sunny to partly shaded position in moist, well drained, slightly acid soil. In colder climates, some leaf drop may occur during the winter.

**Height:** 15m  **Width:** 5m  
**Form:** Conical tree  
**Foliage:** Handsome dark green, long glossy leaves provide year round appeal.  
**Flowers:** Buds appear in large clusters at the end of branches which develop into masses of large creamy-white flowers in winter to early spring.

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**Sweet Michelia – Michelia doltsopa**

A tremendous evergreen tree with beautiful, white, heavenly scented flowers in spring. Makes an ideal feature tree or tall screening plant. Suits avenue planting. Thrives in a sunny to partly shaded position in moist, well drained, slightly acid soil. In colder climates, some leaf drop may occur during the winter.

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**Magnolia Fairy Blush – Michelia Fairy Blush**

Fairy blush Magnolia is a highly attractive form of Michelia which produces a profusion of beautiful soft pink flowers. Good as a specimen plant, espaliered, and looks amazing planted in rows as an informal hedge and or in planter boxes.

**Height:** 4m  **Width:** 3m  
**Form:** Rounded shrub  
**Foliage:** Glossy green foliage  
**Flowers:** Rust coloured buds open to soft pink tulip-like flowers open in spring. Petals fall to create a carpet of pink. Flowers may also bloom throughout the summer.

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**Magnolia Fairy White – Michelia Fairy White**

Fairy White Magnolia is a highly attractive form of Michelia which produces a profusion of beautiful creamy white flowers come Spring. Good as a specimen plant, in a container, espaliered, and looks amazing planted in rows as an informal hedge.

**Height:** 3-4m  **Width:** 1-2m  
**Form:** Upright, open shrub  
**Foliage:** Dark green attractive leaves with rusty brown underside  
**Flowers:** Stunning creamy white flowers with lime coloured stamens that appear en-masse in spring. Flowering may occur throughout the summer sporadically.

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**Magnolia Fairy Cream – Michelia Fairy Cream**

Fairy White Magnolia is a fantastic plant that has both a dense bushy habit and a stunning floral display which make it great for many uses in the garden including a stand-alone feature plant, for hedging, and it can also be pleached to create a more formal look in the garden. It prefers a nice warm sunny aspect in slightly acidic soil, and will tolerate part shade.

**Height:** 4m  **Width:** 3m  
**Form:** Upright, compact shrub  
**Foliage:** Mid-green elliptical leaves  
**Flowers:** Fragrant creamy white flowers with yellow coloured stamens appear in abundance in spring. Flowering may occur throughout the year sporadically too.
Magnolia White Caviar - *Magnolia yunnanensis x figo* White Caviar

White Caviar is a cross between *Michelia figo* x *yunnanensis*. Due to its bushy upright habit it makes a great medium-sized hedge, and it can also be clipped to shape and would make a great topiary-style plant in a feature pot. Plant in humus-rich, slightly acidic well drained soil. They like a warm sunny spot, but will tolerate part shade. Prune to shape after flowering has finished in spring. Tolerates frost better than *Michelia figo*.

**Height:** 3m  **Width:** 2m  
**Form:** Dense, upright shrub  
**Foliage:** Glossy green elliptical shaped leaves.  
**Flowers:** Pale yellow tulip-shaped buds flowers with pinky-red stamens flower in spring and summer.

Magnolia Little Sarah - *Magnolia yunnanensis* Little Sarah

Magnolia Little Sarah make a great low-growing informal hedge. Their small flowers are both pretty and perfumed and they will reward you by flowering on and off year round. Lightly prune to maintain shape. Plant in well drained soil.  Frost hardy and drought tolerant once established.

**Height:** 2m  **Width:** 1.5m  
**Form:** Compact upright shrub  
**Foliage:** Glossy green elliptical shaped leaves.  
**Flowers:** Creamy-white with a pink blush. Flowers throughout the year. Perfumed.

Magnolia Princess Cleopatra - *Magnolia x Princess Cleopatra*

A prolific flowering and fast growing Magnolia that can be grown as a feature tree, used as in informal screen, and even used as a topiary plant. Plant in well drained soil in full sun. Tolerant of light frosts, wind and drought tolerant once established. A superb low-maintenance shrub.

**Height:** 2-3m  **Width:** 1-2m  
**Form:** Compact upright shrub  
**Foliage:** Glossy green elliptical shaped leaves  
**Flowers:** Creamy-white with a pink blush. Flowers throughout the year. Highly perfumed.

Magnolia Princess Cinderella - *Magnolia x Princess Cinderella*

A prolific flowering and fast growing Magnolia that can be grown as a feature tree, used as in informal screen, and even used as a topiary plant. Plant in well drained soil in full sun. Tolerant of light frosts, wind and drought tolerant once established. Prune lightly in early spring to shape.

**Height:** 3-5m  **Width:** 1-2m  
**Form:** Dense upright shrub  
**Foliage:** Dark green, glossy shaped leaves  
**Flowers:** Creamy-white yellow stamens. Flowers on and off throughout the year. Highly perfumed.