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Mountain silverbells

Halesia monticola (Rehder) Sargent

Mountain silverbells is an attractive small tree that is closely related to Carolina silverbells, *Halesia tetraptera*. However, this species can grow into a medium-size tree. Beautiful white flowers are followed by large, distinctive, four-angled seeds. This tree will bloom while still fairly young. Hardy through zone 5.

Cultivation

The seeds of this species require a complex stratification. Stratify them in potting mix, leaf mold, or other moist mulch for sixty days at room temperature, then cold-stratify them for another sixty days. The cold stratification may be accomplished by moving the stratified seed to a refrigerator.

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