

Halesia carolina

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Zone: 5-8

Height: 25'-35'

Width: 20'-30'

Crown: Upright, erect
Growth Rate: Moderate
Soil: Clay, loam, sand
pH: Acidic, slightly alkaline
Drainage: Well drained, some wet
Drought: Moderate
Pests: Few if any
Light: Part or full shade
Avoid: Compact soil, drought



Halesia is a special small tree, that in the right place, will give year round interest. In nature it is an under story tree, so it prefers part or full shade. It also prefers a moist but well drained sand loam and cannot take compacted soil. Best to have it in an irrigated area. Halesia blooms on fairly young trees, starting in May. The flowers are pure white with golden anthers. The tree also has handsome small yellow fruit in fall. The winter feature is exfoliating bark which peels in large, flatscales. Robinson Nursery offers Halesia carolina as bare root branched trees.