

RHODE ISLAND TREE COUNCIL'S FLOWERING TREE SPOTLIGHT

There is an abundance of beautiful flowering trees to choose from. In this series we will highlight one tree at a time to become familiar with.

Japanese Snowbell, *Styrax japonicus*

This beautiful deciduous flowering tree is compact, starting as a vase shape when young and growing to a full rounded canopy as it ages; the Japanese Snowbell is a stunning specimen. Pretty spring buds, dark summer foliage, and vibrant fall color are some of this tree's main draws. While not a native, this tree is a pollinator favorite and adds great wildlife value.

Botanical Name : *Styrax japonicus*

Zone: 5-9

Nativity: China, Japan, Korea

Size: 20'-30'

Spread: 20'-30'

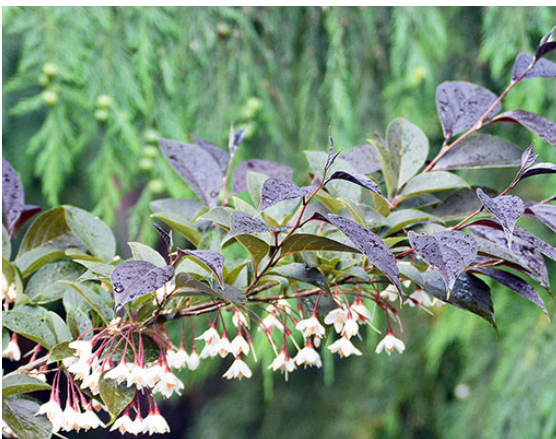
Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Bloom time: Mid-late spring to early summer mildly fragrant waxy white flowers in bell shaped drooping clusters emerge all over the tree. Yellow and red fall foliage

Growth rate: Slow



An older tree with its rounded crown in full bloom.



'Evening Light' is a cultivar of the Japanese Snowbell that features an almost purple foliage and an attractive fruit in late summer.



A young tree with a vase shaped crown



The Japanese snowbell is dynamic throughout the seasons- The fall foliage varies from red to yellow (as seen below) and the leaves emerge in early spring (Right&below)

