



U.S. National Arboretum Plant Introduction  
*Styrax japonicus* 'Burgundy Moon'



**Botanical Name:** *Styrax japonicus* 'Burgundy Moon'  
(NA 82324; PI-689393)

**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 5-8.

**Development:** 'Burgundy Moon' originated from seedlings received in 1998 from a collaborator in Chuncheon City, Gangwon Province, South Korea. Two seedlings were planted at the National Arboretum's Woody Landscape Germplasm Repository in Beltsville, MD. In 2008, staff noticed that one of these plants had unusual dark red/brown sepals and flower stems, contrasting with creamy white petals.

**Significance:** This unusual *Styrax japonicus* has prominent burgundy sepals and flower stems. Green sepals are standard for the species.

**Description:**  
**Size:** 25 feet tall by 20 feet wide after 20 years in Beltsville, Maryland.  
**Habit:** Small tree with horizontal side branching structure and rounded canopy.  
**Foliage:** Deciduous. Medium-dark green leaves in summer; muted yellow fall color.  
**Flowers:** In May to June, 'Burgundy Moon' is covered with slightly fragrant pendulous bell-shaped flowers with burgundy sepals and creamy-white petals.

**Propagation:** Semi-hardwood cuttings root in 3-4 weeks under mist with 1000-3000 IBA.

**Landscape Use:** Grows best in full sun or light shade. Recommended uses include as a specimen plant near a patio, walkway, or entrance; parking lot islands; or under utility lines because of its slow growth.

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