

Lamorinda is bursting with color

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While most people won't have the opportunity to delight in the beauty of Doughty's regal magnolia tree, a trip to San Francisco's Botanical Gardens will satisfy anyone's desire to view the tree's magnificence. Krasowski, the former docent, reports that the Gardens, with more than 200 elegant trees and over 40 different species, has the fourth largest collection of magnolias for conservation in the world. "It's the largest collection outside of Asia."

Unfortunately, the time for viewing these incredible plants is almost over. The Gardens' website notes that "the final major wave of Magnificent Magnolia blooms" will only last for another week or two. "It's a fantastic exhibit and I really encourage people to see it before it's all over," Krasowski said. And if you want to stay closer to home, Murakami notes that Oakland's Mosswood Park also has some magnificent old magnolias.



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