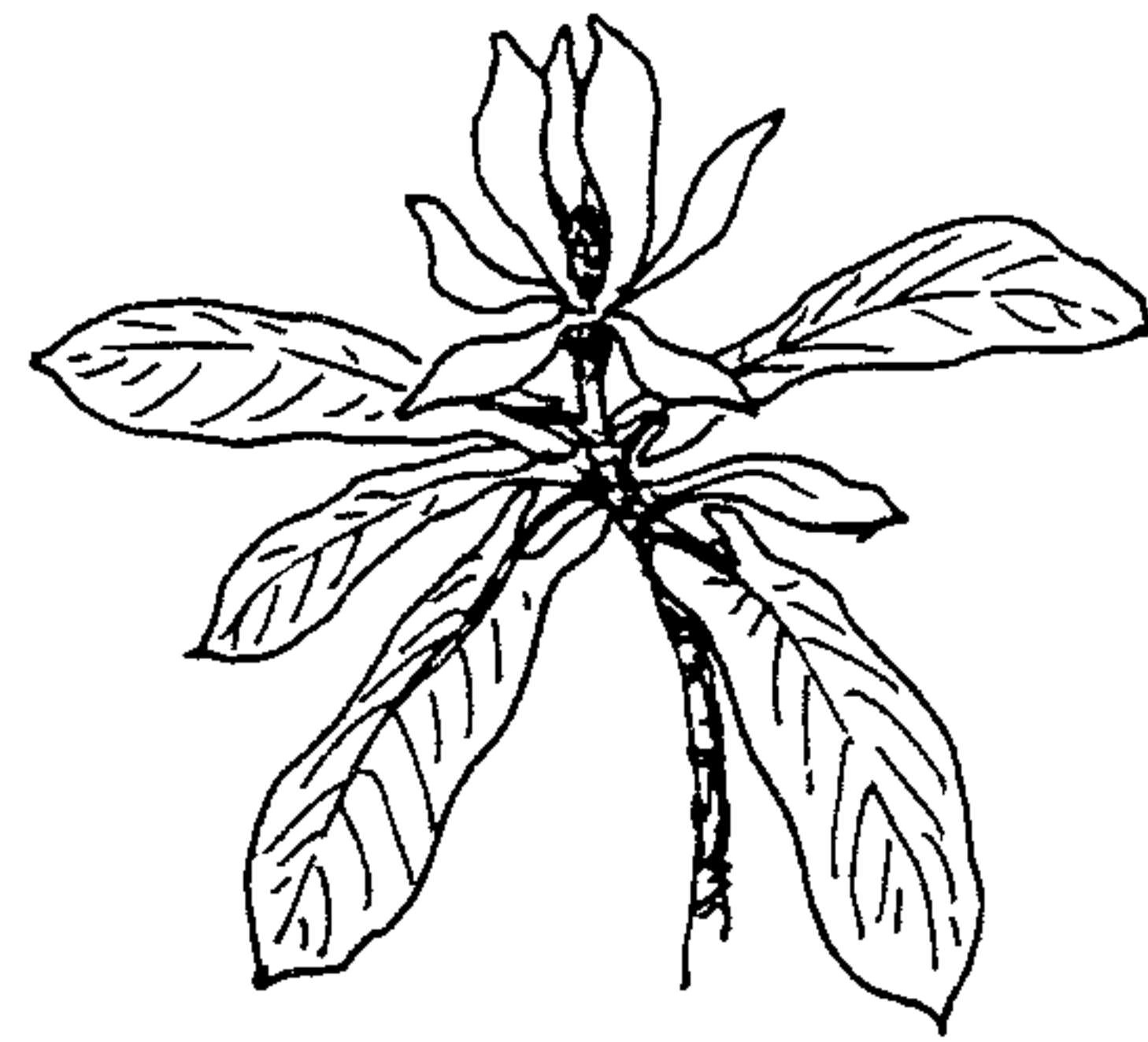


LOOK AGAIN !

To many, the word "Magnolia" means that splendid white-flowered native evergreen tree that is so typical of the deep South, while others picture the Asiatic hybrid M. soulangeana, smothered in fragrant pink blossoms before the leaves emerge in the spring.

Contrasted with these are several very different Magnolias that inhabit the forests of our southern mountains, all of them deciduous and all blooming during April and May. Mountain Magnolia (M. fraseri) has creamy yellow flowers, and is easily identified by the paired lobes at the base of the leaf blade. (This characteristic is shared by M. macrophylla--which may have leaves a yard long--but this species is not commonly seen in our area.)



M. FRASERI

In M. tripetala, several leaves are clustered just beneath the white, malodorous flowers, which has given it the name of Umbrella Tree. This feature is absent in the Cucumber Tree (M. acuminata), which bears smaller, greenish yellow flowers.



M. TRIPETALA



M. ACUMINATA

Only one other genus of trees in the Magnolia Family occurs in the United States, and this is represented here by the handsome Tulip Tree (Liriodendron tulipifera).

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