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Botanical name:

Koelreutaria paniculata

Common name:

Golden Rain Tree

Origin:

China and Korea

Typical height:

8-10 metres

Typical width:

6-8 metres

Growth rate:

Moderate to slow.

Typical form:

Rounded

Characteristics:

Compound green leaves turn golden in autumn. Flowers yellow racemes. Fruit capsule large, inflated, balloon like with papery walls and narrowed into a pointed tip with three hard, black seeds inside.

Site requirements:

Adapts to most soils, full range of pH.

Tolerances:

High drought and heat tolerance.

Suitable for use under powerlines:

Potentially with management



Examples in Wyndham:

TBC.

Notes:

Can develop included bark forks.
Formative prune to develop good structure.

Tends to seed and sucker freely, with potential of forming a weedy habit.

Could also use the cultivar 'Fastigiata' for narrow sites.

Facts and trivia:

Racemes release their yellow flower petals in a gentle cascade during mid-summer, hence the name 'Golden Rain Tree'.

Chinese used to use the seeds for necklaces the flowers medicinally.

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