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Goldenrain tree is a rapidly growing small to medium-sized deciduous tree. It's popular across the world for several reasons. It features attractive foliage, is one of the few trees to flower in mid-summer (early July) in Northern climates, and is also a very hardy tree, tolerating heat, drought, and pollution.



Flowers of the Goldenrain tree are yellow with four petals, and leaves are alternate and pinnate, emerging bronzed and maturing to medium then dark green. This attractive tree has a broad, dome-shaped crown, and its seeds are edible when roasted.

The Goldenrain tree does best in any good loamy soil, and in dry soils. They reach a height of roughly 30 feet tall, and prefer full sun.



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Goldenrain trees prefer full sun. (Pods, left)

While trees may appear a little gangly while young, their showy blooms and urban hardiness helped earn them the 2011 *"Urban Tree of the Year"* title from the Society of Municipal Arborists. 🌳