



## Goldenchain tree, *Laburnum × watereri*

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### Summary

**Foliage:** Trifoliate leaves; leaflets are about 2 inches long; alternate; deciduous

**Height:** About 15 feet

**Spread:** About 10 feet

**Shape:** Upright oval

### Main Features

Goldenchain tree is a small tree that is primarily noted for its very showy pendulous flowers (16 inches plus in May). This species is best grown in zones 5 to 7 and generally requires afternoon shade. Plants in full sun are often stressed and succumb to pest problems. 'Vossii' is a long-flowered cultivar.

### Plant Needs

**Zone:** 5 to 7

**Light:** Afternoon shade is recommended

**Moisture:** Average

**Soil type:** Average

**pH range:** Acid to alkaline

### Functions

Goldenchain tree is suitable for locations wherever a small tree is needed provided the cultural conditions are suitable. Planting more than one tree, in groupings and borders for example, maximizes the flower show.

### Care

Stressed trees are prone to insect and disease problems, so plant goldenchain trees in locations that get afternoon shade.

### Additional Information

This small tree species has a two-week spectacular flower show in May but is relatively non-descript the rest of the year. One should purchase the cultivar 'Vossii' since it has especially long and showy flowers.