

Laburnum anagyroides

(Golden Chain Tree)

Beautiful and cheerful small tree with a wisteria like hanging yellow flowers. The seed pods are toxic, don't let children play with it. The tree is truly incredible in full bloom. It is difficult to grow and should be grown in a spot protected from full day sun, with very well-drained, alkaline pH (only above 7.00) soil and high organic matter. It will perform much better in gardens that are not hot in the summer, including having more long-lasting blossoms



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cytise faux ébénier

Pronunciation: la-BURN-um an-a-gy-RO-id-eez

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Southern Europe

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Trifoliate

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Hairy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Leaf Spots, Root rot

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Aphids, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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