

Forsythia x intermedia

(Border Forsythia)

An upright or spreading deciduous fast growing shrub. Leaves have toothed margins, ovate shape without any fall coloring. Flowers appear early spring (March-April) on the last year branches. It has a brilliant yellow color lasting 2-3 weeks. Fruit has no landscape interest. The plant adapts to many soils. Tolerant of shade but best grown on partial sun or shade. Occasional rejuvenation (heavy) pruning refreshes the plant. Used as border, mass plantation, screening. The plant has urban tolerance allowing us to plant them in cities.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Forsythia de Paris, Mimosa de Paris
Pronunciation: for-SITH-ee-a in-ter-MEE-dee-a
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Hybrid
Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Mass Planting, Wildlife, Pollution Tolerant / Urban
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: oval
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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