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.