Fastigiata Golden Rain Tree

Koelreuteria paniculata 'Fastigiata'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Varnish Tree, Pride of India

Description:

A very showy columnar accent tree which is smothered in loose panicles of yellow flowers in early summer, and has beautiful fall color; attractive fruits are brushed with pink in early fall; a very narrow, upswept tree that is perfect for small spaces

Ornamental Features

Fastigiata Golden Rain Tree features airy plumes of yellow flowers rising above the foliage in early summer. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The serrated pinnately compound leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Fastigiata Golden Rain Tree is a dense deciduous tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Fastigiata Golden Rain Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Fastigiata Golden Rain Tree
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Fastigiata Golden Rain Tree fruit
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Planting & Growing

Fastigiata Golden Rain Tree will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.