

Golden Rain Tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*)



The Golden Rain Tree was introduced to America in 1763. It is a medium-sized deciduous tree that grows 30'-40' high. It is a great urban flowering tree that tolerates drought, heat, wind, and air pollution. It adds beauty to a landscape or streetscape throughout the entire year. It has rare yellow blossoms in the late spring and summer. When the blooms are finished, the petals fall and resemble "golden rain".

It is easily transplanted, soil adaptable, and prefers full sun. Its fruit display is very distinctive, and it is sometimes used in dry arrangements. This small tree tolerates a range of soil types but prefers moist, well-drained soil that is neutral to slightly alkaline. It has spreading branches but a rounded outline. It works well planted in a lawn or park or near a patio. This tree has a medium to fast growth rate, and is relatively pest and disease free.

Because of its combination of beauty and durability, it makes for a very good street tree and you will find a number of them planted in the New Albany urban forest.