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.