

Botanical Name: Pittosporum phillyraeoides

Common Name: Willow pittosporum

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, mostly single-trunked plant, with slender arching and spreading branches forming a loose oval canopy; outer branches droop, giving an appearance similar to willows

Height 15-30' Spread 1/2-3/4 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; grows poorly in shaded locations

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline desert soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 9, 13-24); thrives in warm inland locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, linear or narrowly elliptic; 2-3" long, dark green, glossy

Flowers yellow, 1/2", bell-shaped, fragrant; in short mostly terminal panicles; winter-early spring

Fruit a capsule; round, 1/2" diameter, deep yellow when ripe

Propagation: seed

Usage: a graceful small accent tree used for its loose weeping form and yellow flowers; suitable for patios or hillside planting

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; plant tolerates both drought and regular watering

Fertilizing as needed; little is required

Pruning head high and selectively thin out canopy for graceful form

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Pittosporaceae