

**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