

Botanical Name: Cassia leptophylla

Common Name: Golden Medallion Tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape variable in growth; most often is single-trunked, with low-branching; develops an open, rounded canopy

Height 15' - 25' Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; prefers warm habitats

Soil tolerates most; grows best in deep well-draining locations

Hardiness tender (zones 21-24): requires a mild coastal climate

Morphology:

Leaves even-pinnately compound, opposite, with 8-12 (16) pairs of ovate-lanceolate leaflets; the leaves are 8"-14" long; the leaflets are dark green, 1" - 1 1/2" long

Flowers bright yellow, to 3" wide, in terminal 6"-10" racemes; late spring - summer

Fruit a pod; brown, 12"-14" long when ripe; not constricted between the seeds

Propagation: seed

Usage: a very showy, small, accent tree, prized for its showy display of yellow flowers and open graceful canopy; patio tree, lawn tree; excellent for sub-tropical or tropical-theme landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak is preferred; the plant can tolerate heavy irrigation if the drainage is excellent

Fertilizing little is required after established

Pruning develop a wide-spreading scaffold structure; thin out occasionally to enhance the open-picturesque effect

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Fabaceae