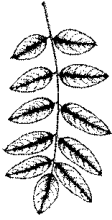


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The Chinese Scholartree has pinnately compound leaves which are between 6-10 inches. Each large leaf can have between 7-17 leaflets. Each oval leaflet is 1-2 inches long with a bristle tip.

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Japanese pagodatree

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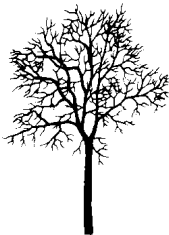
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One of the few trees to flower in mid-summer some Chinese Scholartrees will blossom in July, others into early September. The pale yellow-green flowers grow in pyramidal clusters. The resulting bright yellow-green pods can have a number of segments and often remain attached through winter.

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A small tree with a rounded crown the Chinese Scholartree has a gray-brown bark which develops fissures and becomes quite rough. From mid-summer to mid-winter mature trees still display their showy yellow-green pods.

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In China this tree was planted in Buddhist temples and tended by the monks. While not native to Japan it has also been associated with Japanese temples and pagodas. The flowers were a source of a treasured yellow dye. Today it serves as a hearty street tree, adapting well to urban environments.

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