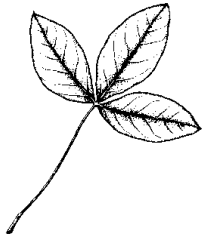


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The Laburnum is one of the few trees with a trifoliate leaf: a leaf with only three leaflets. Each leaflet is more or less oval shaped. The petiole, or leaf stem is more than 2 inches long.

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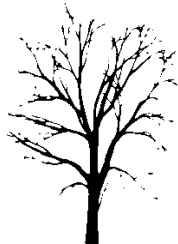
Waterer Laburnum



The flowers which bloom at the same time as Wisteria in May are brilliant yellow cascades, often 9-12 inches long. A member of the pea family, the pods contain 3-6 very poisonous black seeds.

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A small tree, the Goldenchain Tree can grow 12 to 15 feet. The bark on young branches and even on older wood retains an olive green color.

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Frequently seen in Europe, the Laburnum is somewhat a rarity in the U.S. The most widely planted Laburnum is a cross between the Common (*anagyroides*) and the Scotch Laburnum (*alpinum*) originally developed at Waterer's Nursery in Surry, England.

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