

Koelreuteria paniculata

(Pride of India / Golden Rain Tree)



Koelreuteria paniculata is a medium sized, deciduous tree which despite its common name is native to Eastern Asia. It is tolerant of a lot of urban conditions and also is good on calcareous soil.

Pinnate leaves with serrated individual leaflets unfurl in spring with a pinkish tinge. In July and August, yellow and orange flowers are borne on long, elegant panicles, followed by paper thin, lantern like seed pods. The seeds are edible once roasted but are not commonly eaten. The final show for *Koelreuteria* is in the autumn when the foliage blazes oranges and yellows.

This tree / multistem make a fine specimen plant with interest throughout every season.

Plant Profile

Name: *Koelreuteria paniculata*

Common Name: *Pride of India* or *Golden Rain Tree*

Family: Sapindaceae

Height: approx. 10m

Demands: Best on dry, calcareous soil in a sunny position

Flowers: Panicles of small yellow flowers in July and August

Fruit: Lantern shape fruits follow flower

Foliage: Bright green pinnate leaves which turn brilliant oranges and yellow in autumn

Bark: Silvery grey plates with reddish brown



Koelreuteria paniculata Autumn colour

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In Chinese history, Koelreuteria paniculata was one of the five official trees which could be planted as a memorial by a tomb.



Pinnate leaves



3.0 - 4.0m multi-stems



Flower panicle



Autumn foliage



Textured bark