



*KOELREUTERIA
BIPINNATA*

Chinese Flame Tree



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**Other common
names include
Chinese Golden
Rain Tree,
Bougainvillea
Golden-Rain Tree**



**FAMILY:
SAPINDACEAE**

Soapberry

Sapindaceae, or the soapberry family, has about 135 genera and some 1,600 species, occurs mainly in the tropical areas of the world and is especially abundant in the American tropics. Species range from trees and shrubs to lianas or herbaceous vines.

[https://
www.britannica.com/plant/
Sapindaceae](https://www.britannica.com/plant/Sapindaceae)



Chinese Flame Tree is Native to Asia

Sunset Zones 8 - 24

USDA Hardiness Zones 7 - 9

Exposure Full Sun to Partial Shade;

Clay, Loam or Sand Texture;

Highly Acidic to Highly Alkaline Soil pH;

Seaside Tolerance is Good in Mild Zones



Tree Characteristics

[https://selecttree.calpoly.edu/
tree-detail/koelreuteria-bipinnata](https://selecttree.calpoly.edu/tree-detail/koelreuteria-bipinnata)

Spreading with a Low Canopy.

**Rounded, Umbrella or Vase
Shape.**

Has Deciduous foliage.

Height: 20 - 40 feet.

Width: 15 - 30 feet.

**Growth Rate: 12 to 24 Inches per
Year.**

Longevity 50 to 150 years.

**Leaves Bipinnately Compound,
Medium Green, Bronze or Gold,
Deciduous.**



Has perfect flowers (male and female parts in each flower).

Prolific, Orange, Red or Rose Capsule, Large (1.50 - 3.00 inches), fruiting in Fall.

Bark Light Green, Fissured.

Shading Capacity Rated as Moderate in Leaf.

Shading Capacity Rated as Moderate out of Leaf.

Litter Issue is Dry Fruit.



**Blooms very
young**

[https://www.moonvalleynurseries.com/
trees/fast-growers/chinese-flame-tree](https://www.moonvalleynurseries.com/trees/fast-growers/chinese-flame-tree)

**Beautiful
summertime
bloom of vibrant
yellow, fragrant
flowers**



**Year Around
Interest**

**Long papery
husks
resembling
Chinese lanterns
appear in fall**



Water

**Once Established
they have low to
moderate
watering needs**

They have non-invasive roots, which makes them good to plant near patios and on streets





Fast Growing



**Makes a great
shade tree**



Pests & Disease Information

Susceptible to Invasive Shot Hole Borer, Beetle Borers and Scales.



Health, Safety & Environmental Concerns

Branch Strength Rated as
Medium.

Root Damage Potential
Rated as Low.

None Known Health Hazard.

Reference Materials:

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