

# What's Blooming?

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# Golden Rain Tree

*Koelreuteria elegans*

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Small, sweetly fragrant flowers on erect terminal panicles



Bladder-like, papery fruit capsules



The reason for its common name, golden rain tree.

This tree is native to southwest China. It is also known as Soapberry or Flame Gold. It will tolerate temperatures as low as 20°F.

**Phenology:**

- Blooms from August into November.
- 15 Intense Blooming Days (IBD)

- Lawn and Garden Homepage  
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