

Indian Laburnum

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According to SeasonWatch -a citizen science project that monitors tree phenology observed that over the last few years, Indian laburnum trees flowers have been blooming earlier than usual.

About Indian Laburnum

- Indian laburnum (Cassia fistula) is **called “amaltas”** in northern India and **“kanikonna”** in south India.
- It is a species of **flowering plant** in the **Fabaceae family**.
- It is also known as **Golden Shower Tree, Amaltas, Purging Fistula, Pudding-pipe tree**.
- It is **native to India** and is the State tree of Kerala and Delhi.
- **Appearance:** It is a **medium to large deciduous tree** that can reach heights of up to 10 to 20 meters (approximately 30 to 65 feet).
- **Distribution:** It is native to the **Indian subcontinent**, but it is also found in other parts of Asia, including Southeast Asia and the Middle East.
- It is commonly cultivated as an ornamental tree in **tropical and subtropical regions worldwide**.

Features of Indian laburnum

- This middle-sized **deciduous tree** is leafless only for a brief time, between March and May.
- The **new leaves are glossy**, a trait that they lose on maturing, and are mostly bright green, though sometimes a rich copper too.
- It produces clusters of **pendulous, cylindrical, yellow flowers** that hang from the branches and bloom in abundance during the flowering season.

Uses of Indian laburnum

- Its extracts from the **bark, leaves, flowers, and seeds** have been used to treat a variety of ailments, including constipation, skin conditions, digestive issues, and respiratory problems.
- Its bark is used to **make dye and the pulp** in the fruit pod also serves as a strong purgative agent, which helps animals that feed on it.

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