

Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Senna alata*:

***Cassia fistula* L.**

Golden Shower Tree

- C *Cassia fistulosa* is also known as Cañafistolo, Golden Shower Senna, Indian Laburnum, Lluvia De Oro, or Pudding-Pipe-Tree; Golden Shower Tree is a 15N to 30N (45N) tall tree with an irregularly rounded crown which is covered in yellow flowers from spring to mid-summer; flowers may develop into pendent racemes up to 180 long followed by long cylindrical pods with the seeds imbedded in a sticky brown pulp; the specific epithet refers to these cylindrical shaped pods; the dull green leaves are pinnate and range from 100 to 180 long.
- C Trees have limited cold tolerance and are reliably hardy only USDA zones 10 and 11, although it is sometimes grown in protected locations in zone 9a; leaf drop tends to occur at the same time as flowering, thus heightening the effect.
- C *Cassia* × *nealii* Irwin & Barneby (*Cassia* × *nealae*, Rainbow Shower Tree); it is a hybrid species between *Cassia javanica* L. (*Cassia nodosa*, Apple Blossom Shower Tree, Pink and White Shower Tree) × *C. fistula* valued for its combinations of sterile cream, bronze-yellow, yellow, orange, pink, and red colored flowers, often with all colors present in a single large flower panicle; it has one of the single most impressive flower displays of any tropical tree, it blooms mid-summer to autumn (although this is somewhat of a misnomer in the tropics); this hybrid species is slightly more cold tolerant than *C. fistula* owing to the influence of *C. javanica* which is hardy in USDA zones 9a(9b) through 11.

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