

## Environmental Weed Alert.



**Golden Rain Tree**  
*Koelreuteria paniculata*

**Description:** The Golden Rain Tree is unfortunately one of those ornamental trees that in our sub tropical climate have proven to be an invasive species. It quickly spreads and establishes itself in our native bushland areas displacing local flora species. It is native to China, Japan and Korea. The Golden Rain Tree also known as the China Tree grows with a wide spreading crown up to 15m tall with drooping branches. It is deciduous with the green leaflets turning yellow before falling. The green leaflets have toothed edges and pointed tips. The Golden Rain Tree produces large clusters of small deep yellow flowers followed by masses of papery three sided pinkish brown seedpods. It is from these seedpods that its invasive nature begins. Large quantities of seedlings are usually found under or near the mother tree spreading further each year if uncontrolled. It spreads from its seed by wind, gravity, humans and also root cuttings. The roots have a suckering capability and easily regrow. There are many other very attractive native alternatives to this invasive Golden Rain Tree. They include the Blueberry Ash (*Elaeocarpus reticulatus*), the Blue Lilly Pilly (*Syzygium oleosum*), the Native Frangipani (*Hymenosporum flavum*) and the Bleeding Heart (*Omalanthus populifolius*).

**Control:** Hand pull small seedlings making sure to get all the roots. Large trees will need to be chopped down and the stumps painted with a registered herbicide to prevent suckering. Please remember to read and adhere to the herbicide label instructions prior to use. Before removing large trees check with Council on your land zoning and if any vegetation management orders apply and then legally dispose of your Golden Rain Tree waste.