

Indian Laburnum

Common name: Indian Laburnum, Golden Shower

Botanical name: *Cassia fistula*; **Family:** Caesalpinioideae; **Name in Tamil:** *Konnei, Kondrai, Sarakkondrai, Appai, Arogoram, Irali, Iyagam*



Field identification: A small to medium sized deciduous tree. Bark smooth, pale or greenish grey, crusty when old. Leaves compound, 23-46 cm long, leaflets 4-8 pairs, opposite 5-12.5 cm x 3.7-8 cm ovate-oblong. Flowers clusters of bright yellow drooping sprays 30-60 cm long, 4-6 cm across. Fruit 30-60 cm long dark brown pods, 2.5 cm wide, like straight pipes.

Location on campus; Scattered throughout campus. E.g. Small Bungalow, First gate, CHTC, etc

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