



<b>Scientific name</b>	<i><u>Cassia fistula</u></i> L.
<b>Common name</b>	Golden shower, Kani konna, കണിക്കൊന്ന
<b>Family</b>	Fabaceae (Leguminosae) Subfamily- Caesalpiaceae
<b>Plant description</b>	The golden shower tree is a medium-sized tree, growing to 10–20 m tall with fast growth. The leaves are deciduous, 15–60 cm long, and pinnate with three to eight pairs of leaflets, each leaflet 7–21 cm long and 4–9 cm broad. Inflorescence -Pendulous racemes. Each flower with five yellow petals of equal size and shape. The fruit is a legume with a pungent odor and containing several seeds
<b>Distribution</b>	The species is native to the Indian subcontinent and adjacent regions of Southeast Asia.

<b>Uses</b>	Bark is used in the treatment of inflammatory swellings and as a cleaning agent for ulcers and wounds. It is believed to decrease purulent discharge and act as a local antiseptic. The fruits are also used as a laxative. The wood is used to make a good quality charcoal
<b>Flowering and fruiting time</b>	Flowering Period: April–June