

Sunburst® Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Suncole'



The Sunburst® Honeylocust is a cultivar of the Honey Locust, *Gleditsia triacanthos*. This tree is found growing naturally in the midwestern and eastern United States. The variety 'Inermis' means thornless as this cultivar does not grow thorns like the species. It's very popular for its bright chartreuse-yellow foliage. It has a rounded, irregularly shaped, pyramidal crown and grows to a height of 35-40 feet with a spread of 30-35 feet.

The leaves of the Sunburst® Honeylocust are pinnately compound and grow to a length of 6-8 inches. The fresh leaves emerge bright yellow in the spring and mature to a mid-green color in the summer. In the fall, they put on a beautiful golden yellow display. The twigs grow in a zig-zag pattern. The spring flowers are greenish-yellow and inconspicuous, not contributing to the beauty of the tree. However, the flowers are fragrant and attract bees. This tree grows best in full sun. It grows well in urban environments, tolerating drought conditions and pollutants. It is also adaptable to different types of soils and conditions, wet or dry.