

Gordlinia Grandiflora Sweet Tea

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Gordlinia grandiflora is an intergeneric hybrid resulting from a controlled cross between *Franklinia alatamaha* (deciduous female parent commonly called Franklin tree) and *Gordonia lasianthus* (evergreen male parent commonly called Loblolly Bay). A fast growing hybrid, it typically grows as a multi-stemmed shrub or small tree to 20' x 15'w. Large partially cupped white camellia-like flowers (up to 5" diameter), each sporting 5 petals surrounding a showy box of egg-yolk yellow center stamens, bloom starting in early summer. Narrow, long leaves are dark green above and pale green beneath. Leaves are **semi-evergreen** and usually acquire some shades of red and orange in the fall. Flowers have a mild fragrance. Best in acidic, organically rich soil. Good drainage. Plant in partial sun – afternoon shade. **Butterflies!**