

2915 – 10 Forsythia



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Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key is on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or in the online Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Allgood". The script is fluid and cursive.

Cynthia A. Allgood

Director, Procurement and Fulfillment

## Leaf Identification



Forsythia  
(Forsythia x Intermedia)

**Forsythia** is an irregularly rounded shrub that reaches 8-10' in height with a spread of 10-12'. The pale to deep yellow flowers bloom early in the spring before the leaves appear. The leaves are a medium to dark green in summer turning green to yellow-green with an occasional tinge of burgundy in the fall.

Forsythia is tolerant of a wide range of soil textures and pH, moisture conditions, and air pollution. It flowers best in full sun and prefers moist, well-drained soil. Pruning should follow the natural shape the shrub removing old or dead wood. Forsythia bloom on the previous year's wood, so prune after flowering in spring. Flower buds develop during summer and fall, and fall pruning will remove them. Plant 4-6' apart for a hedge. This is a fast growing shrub.