Habits
A large shrub to small tree with a weeping habit, grown in Sub-tropical, Warm temperate climates
Perennial, Yellow, Gold flowers in spring
It responds well to coppicing as it is fast growing.
Wind tolerant and drought hardy
It is easily propagated by seeds all year.
Can grow to 14 metres

Needs, tolerances + susceptibilities
Golden Pea requires water in hot periods
Established plants rarely need watering, except in extremely long dry periods.
It can be burned by a light frost or morning sun in winter
Will tolerate most soils provided they drain well.
Tolerates rainfall less than 650 mm annual rainfall
Young plants require regular watering.

Characteristics + Behaviours
Golden Pea is an evergreen shrub/small tree.
Growing to 14m tall with a 2m to 6m spread.
Small yellow flowers in Spring
Self-mulching.
A shallow root system makes it easy to remove if necessary
Sprinkle of good compost around the base of the plant annually in spring.

Design Function
Has a dense foliage to help support habitat for small birds.
Due to its height and spread it creates a fantastic low level wind break - shelterbelt or screen
Can be used to help create microclimates
Can be planted around trees to help provide fertility
Small animals can use it for shade.
Provides erosion control and builds soil.
Can be used as a cover crop
Makes a great living trellis
Is a fantastic Insectary/nectary plant (bees, nesting birds, butterfly larvae)
Great fodder for animals
Self-replicating mulch

Ecological Functions
Golden Pea grows quickly helping to create a screen or wind break
Golden Pea builds organic matter which helps nourishes soil.
Using Golden Pea as a companion helps build soil fertility.
Habitat for small birds, bees and butterfly larvae which frequent the garden.
Fodder for insects and other animals

Products
Grows quickly and provides lots of organic material.
Structure and flowers provide food and home for insects and birds
Mulch (Chop and drop)
Animal fodder
Fertility

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