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*Lupinus arboreus*

**TREE LUPIN** is a semi-evergreen shrub. Native to California (United States) it has fragrant, occasionally purple or blue tinged, sulphur yellow or white flowers.

It is also known as *Arbre à lupins* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), Bush lupine, *Coeden Bys y Blaidd* (Welsh), Tree lupine, Yellow bush lupine, and Yellow tree lupin.

Warning – the shrub is potentially poisonous, particularly the seeds.

*Arboreus* is derived from Latin *arbor* (tree) meaning ‘tree-like or tending to be woody’.

Some of the Pomo North American Indians made wreaths from the flowers for their late Spring Flower Dance.

Root fibre provided the Pomo tribe with material for string which some of them used for fishing or for making trapping nets.

Tree lupin has been used in land restoration, and for the stabilization of sand dunes.