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General: A deciduous (drops its leaves in fall) weeping garden shrub that is a member of the olive family, growing to at least 1–3 m high.

Leaves & Twigs: Leaves, 2-10 cm long are opposite with smooth or toothed edges. The twigs are hollow with small bumps called lenticels (air exchange areas). The bark is rough and grey-brown.

Flowers & Fruits: Yellow flowers appear in early spring before the leaves emerge. Each flower has four, 2 cm long petals joined at the base.

Habitat: Native to Asia, commonly planted as a garden shrub throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

Blooming Time: May

How to Observe: Note on your observation form the variety of the Forsythia you are watching if it is not the weeping variety. Choose a shrub that is at least 10 m away from a building (if possible).

First Bloom: When the first flowers are open on the observed shrub in at least three places.

Mid Bloom: When half of the flowers are open on the observed shrub.

Leaf Out: When the first leaves are completely unfolded on the shrub in three places.