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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.