

Tecoma stans

(Yellow Elder, Trumpet Bush)

Yellow elder is a semi-evergreen shrub or small tree. It has bright green opposite leaves, which are pinnately compound and the leaflet has a sharply toothed edges. The sunshine yellow flowers are trumpet shaped. They hang in showy clusters at the branch tips. The blooms appear in flushes throughout the growing season. They are followed by long string bean like pods that hang in vertical clusters. It has invasive potentials. The species needs full sun and well drained soil. Used in mixed plantation mainly with evergreen where the yellow flowers contrast with the dark green leaves of the evergreen plants.



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Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Trompette d'or, Bois-pissenlit

Pronunciation: tek-OH-muh stanz

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Caribbean region

Heat Zones: 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Specimen, Container, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: oval

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Can be trained to one trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 7 - 10

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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