

Thevetia peruviana

(Lucky Nut, Yellow Oleander, Mexican Oleander)

Yellow oleander is native to tropical Americas. Has dark glossy green leaves and funnel shape yellow, orange or salmon color flower. The flowers appear from spring to fall but can continue if mild winter is around. The flower attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Grow yellow oleander in full sun. Tolerates heat, drought and salt. In garden it can be used as a small shade tree, hedge or as a flowering specimen shrub. All parts of the plants are toxic even to humans



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Thévétia du Pérou ou Laurier jaune

Pronunciation: thev-VET-ee-uh per-u-vee-AN-uh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Tropical America

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

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

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Notes

The narrow finger-length leaves contain a milky latex that may cause dermatitis.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Nut

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Green

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



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