

Botanical Name: Thevetia thevetioides

Common Name: Giant thevetia, Rough leaf yellow oleander

Type of Plant: Dicot: large shrub Character evergreen
or small tree

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fast-growing rangy shrub, with a slender multi-stemmed
open habit; forms a loose rounded canopy if unpruned - easily trained into
a small tree

Height 10' - 15' Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, warm sites in coastal plain area

Soil best in well-draining locations - tolerates most

Hardiness (zones 12-13, 21-24): tender - avoid shaded locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, narrowly elliptic to nearly linear, alternate to
nearly whorled; upper surface corrugated; dark green, 3"-4" long

Flowers bright yellow, funnel-shaped, 3"-4" across, in showy or
terminal clusters; summer and fall months

Fruit a peach-sized drupe, green; poisonous

Propagation: seed

Usage: a small accent tree in tropical-theme or warm climate
gardens, for its showy display of flowers; also as a loose background or
screen material

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers frequent deep-soaking; can tolerate drought

Fertilizing little needed after establishment

Pruning as a tree - head high and develop open framework

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions all parts of plant mildly poisonous

Origin: Equador Family: Apocynaceae