

Botanical Name: Tecoma stans

Common Name: Yellow bells

Type of Plant: dicot: large shrub Character evergreen
small tree

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, vigorously growing shrub, with ascending
slender branches forming an open, oval-rounded canopy if unpruned; can be
trained into small tree-form

Height 10' - 15' (25') Spread 3/4 - equal Growth Rate very rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full sun near coast; tolerates afternoon shade
at hot inland locations

Soil prefers sandy soils or well-drained slopes; avoid wet clay

Hardiness tender (zones 12, 13, 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately compound, opposite, with 5-13 lanceolate-elliptic
leaflets; leaflets dark green, 2"-4" long, with toothed margins

Flowers bright yellow, trumpet-shaped, 1 1/2"-2" long, in large
showy clusters at the ends of the branches; May-November (January)

Fruit a silique: 4"-6" long

Propagation: seed or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: use as a substitute for Bougainvillea - large background
mass or screening material; with selective pruning and staking, the plant can
be trained into a small tree for its heavy flower display

Landscape Care:

Watering periodic deep soakings (every 10-14 days in summer)
preferred

Fertilizing little required after establishment

Pruning head back strongly after flowering to promote a full dense
form; can be trained onto trellises as a vine-like plant

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions the variety T. stans v. Angustata is more drought tolerant

Origin: Central Mexico Family: Bignoniaceae