## **Tecoma stans**



Kingdom: Plantae Clade: Angiosperms Order: Lamiales Family: Bignoniaceae Genus: Tecoma Species: T. stans

Tecoma stans, commonly known as yellow trumpet bush, yellow bells, or esperanza, is a flowering perennial shrub or small tree native to the Americas. It is part of the Bignoniaceae family.

Common names Hindi: पीला बोगनवेल (Peela Bougainvillea) or सोनापट्टी (Sonapatti) Tamil: தங்க வெள்ளி (Thanga Velli) Telugu: పచ్చ పన్నెర (Pacha Pannera) Malayalam: മഞ്ഞ മഞ്ഞളം (Manja Manjal) Kannada: ಹಳೆದಿ ಪಾರಿಜಾತ (Haladi Parijata)

1. Appearance:

Flowers: Bright yellow, trumpetshaped, clustered at the ends of branches. Leaves: Pinnate with serrated edges, green and glossy. Height: Typically grows between 3 to 6 meters (10 to 20 feet) tall.

2. Habitat:

Found in a variety of habitats from coastal regions to mountainous areas. Prefers welldrained soils and sunny locations.

3. Cultivation:

Popular in gardens and landscapes for its vibrant flowers and long blooming period. Droughttolerant once established but benefits from regular watering.

4. Uses:

Ornamental: Adds color to gardens, parks, and urban landscapes.

Traditional medicine: Used in some cultures for its purported medicinal properties, such as treating diabetes and digestive issues.

## **5. Ecological Impact:**

Attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, making it valuable for pollinators. Can become invasive in some regions, outcompeting native plants.

## 6. Care:

Pruning helps maintain shape and encourages more blooms. Fertilize occasionally for better growth and flowering.