



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Yellow Trumpet Bush or Palo de Arco

Tecoma stans

DESCRIPTION: Yellow Trumpet Bush is a shrub with wand-like growth and dark green leaves. It flowers most of the year, except for the coldest times. Flowers are 2" long and brilliant yellow. It is a favorite for bumble bees and carpenter bees, its pollinators, but is also visited by hummingbirds and butterflies. It can be found naturally from rocky canyons around Tucson, south into Sonora and Baja California, Mexico. A wider-leafed, less desert adapted variety (var. *stans*) from southern Sonora and at the tip of Baja California is the form found most commonly in nurseries, where a narrow-leaf form (var. *angustata*) is found at the northern end of its range.

RECOMMENDED USE: Accent, background, container, rock garden, desert transition.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Yellow Trumpet Bush is somewhat frost tender. It should be grown against a protected south-facing wall or boulder, or keep it in a container that can be moved under cover during sub-freezing weather (lower 20's).



Sun tolerance: This plants thrives even in the hottest, sunniest locations.



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate water use. In pot culture, watering frequency increases as the weather warms. Feed in a container or in the ground 1 to 2 times a year with a complete fertilizer.



Soil requirements: In containers, use a standard potting soil, with a small percent of desert soil mixed in. For landscapes, any soil is suitable as long as it drains.



Pruning: Frost-damaged plants should be cut back in the late winter or early spring.