

XERISCAPE
NATURE'S CHOICE OF LANDSCAPE



Tecoma
Yellow Bells / Orange Bells

Yellow and orange bells provide a burst of summer color to desert Xeriscape gardens. Spectacular clusters of bright yellow or orange, bell shaped flowers attract hummingbirds and cover these large shrubs or small trees from April through November. Pencil-like seed pods that develop in the fall provide food for over-wintering songbirds. The bright green foliage offers a cooling effect during the hot summer months. Yellow or orange bells can be used with more evergreen desert shrubs such as hopseed bush and Arizona rosewood to form a natural screen or barrier. *Tecoma* can also be used against walls where it is afforded some frost protection and is a good backdrop for Baja red fairy duster, desert marigold or agave.

Tecoma reaches maximum height in warm microclimates, but typically matures to a smaller size when nipped by frost. Plants five years or older can be regenerated by pruning the older branches to the ground every five years. *Tecoma* prefers a sunny location and some supplemental watering to look its best. Its size and form should be considered in its placement in the landscape.

Tecoma stans var. *stans*

Yellow Bells

Tecoma stans var. *stans*, the wider-leaved form of yellow bells, can be selectively pruned into a 25 foot high tree in frost free areas. The lush green foliage and dense clusters of bright yellow flowers of this variety impart a tropical effect to the landscape. Found throughout Central and South America, this tropical plant is best suited to frost-free microclimates. While evergreen in its native habitat, *Tecoma stans* var. *stans* may exhibit leaf drop during cold winters in the Phoenix area.

Tecoma stans var. *angustata*

Arizona Yellow Bells

Tecoma stans var. *angustata* is a narrow-leaved form of yellow bells, sometimes called yellow trumpet flower, that is commonly seen throughout the Chihuahuan Desert. Growing to about 10 feet high by 6 feet wide, this large, deciduous shrub brightens up informal desert gardens. It is well adapted to the extremes of heat and cold in our desert environment. .

Tecoma garrocha or *Tecoma* hybrid

Orange Bells

The orange-flowered varieties of *Tecoma* are quickly becoming favorite choices for Southwestern landscapes. The clusters of showy orange tubular flowers, green foliage and fast growth rate make them ideal for many situations. These upright shrubs reach heights of 12 feet tall and 8 feet wide if not nipped by frost and tolerate a variety of soil conditions. Orange bells will grow in full sun or reflected sun and can be used singly or in groups against a wall to show off foliage and flowers.