

**Botanical Name:** *Tecoma stans* v. *angustata*

**Common Name:** Yellow Bells



**Family:** Bignoniaceae

**Habitat:** Washes, rocky slopes, gravelly foothills

**Native Distribution:** S Arizona, S New Mexico, W Texas, Mexico, Central America

**Elevation:** 2,000 to 6,000 ft

**Hardiness:** 20°F

**Type:** Semi-evergreen

**Size:** 6' tall x 6' wide

**Shape:** Airy and upright

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Flowers:** Clusters of 2" bright yellow trumpet flowers

**Bloom Season:** Spring through early winter

**Fruit:** Narrow 5" papery tan pod

**Foliage:** 2-3" narrow bright-green compound leaves with toothed margins

**Exposure:** Full/reflected sun

**Shade:** Filtered

**Water Requirements:** Low

***Tecoma stans* v. *angustata* (Yellow Bells) in Phoenix**

**xeriscapes:** Yellow Bells can work well around swimming pools and patios in Phoenix xeriscapes, and can serve as an accent to other blooming plants. Excellent in areas where summer or prolonged color is needed. Some litter, no thorns.

**Wildlife:** Attracts hummingbirds and other birds.

**More about *Tecoma stans* v. *angustata* (Yellow Bells):**

- Yellow Bells will be evergreen in Phoenix, but will be deciduous in colder, outlying areas.
- Can freeze to the ground below 20° but will make a fast recovery.
- Prune *Tecoma stans* v. *angustata* in late winter after the threat of frost has passed.
- Minimize potential frost damage to Yellow Bells by stopping irrigation after late summer.
- Expect some mess when the seedpods of *Tecoma stans* v. *angustata* start ripening.
- Promote blooming of Yellow Bells with bi-monthly soaking in the summer.