



*Tecoma stans*



*T. capensis*

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*Tecoma* (te-COH-muh):

A genus of 14 species of shrubs or small trees in the trumpet vine family, *Bignoniaceae* (big-no-nih-AY-see-ee)

*Tecoma stans* (te-COH-muh stanz)  
Yellow Trumpetbush



- ❖ Common names: Yellow Bells, Yellow Trumpetbush, Esperanza
- ❖ Can be pruned into a tree form, although generally used as a large shrub
- ❖ Fast growing; Height from 6' to 20'
- ❖ Remains evergreen in warmer climates
- ❖ Flowers from mid-Spring through early Winter
- ❖ Considered invasive

# *Tecoma stans* (te-COH-muh stanz)

## Yellow Trumpetbush - cont.



- ❖ Compound leaves are green, sharply toothed & lance-shaped
- ❖ Flowers are bright yellow, showy & trumpet-shaped
- ❖ Full sun - drought and heat tolerant, once established
- ❖ Dicot
- ❖ Attracts bees, butterflies & hummingbirds
- ❖ *Tecoma stans* is the official flower of the US Virgin Islands and the floral emblem of the Bahamas

# *Tecoma capensis* (te-COH-muh ka-PEN-sis)

## Cape Honeysuckle



- ❖ Non-native, non-invasive, fire resistant
- ❖ Evergreen perennial
- ❖ Propagated by seed and vegetatively by runners
- ❖ Flowers from Fall through Spring
- ❖ Flowers are trumpet shaped, orange-red color, and are produced in clusters
- ❖ Leaves are shiny & dark green and divided into featherlike leaflets
- ❖ Grows as tree up to 8 feet, or as bush, can sprawl to 30 feet

# *Tecoma capensis* (te-COH-muh ka-PEN-sis) Cape Honeysuckle - cont.

- ❖ Sun to partial shade
- ❖ Drought tolerant - requires little water and can tolerate heat and wind
- ❖ Previously known as *Tecomaria capensis*
- ❖ Despite it's common name, it is not closely related to the true honeysuckle





❖ FUN FACT:

Cape Honeysuckle (*Tecoma capensis*) by James Acclaim

- ❖ *Tecoma capensis* is native to southern Africa. There, the powdered bark of *Tecoma capensis* is:
- ❖ taken to relieve pain and promote sleep, and
- ❖ rubbed around the teeth for bleeding gums

# Found in San Diego:



*Tecoma stans*

San Diego Botanical Garden: Parking lot, Mexican Garden, Subtropical Fruit Garden, Bamboo Garden, Hamilton Children's Garden

Balboa Park, San Diego Zoo,



*Tecoma capensis*

Sea World

La Jolla Village

A little birdie told me that here are 4 or 5 beautiful specimens in Scott Parker's yard! Shhhhh...

Now that I know what they are, I notice them EVERYWHERE!

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