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### *Tecoma stans*

[Synonyms : *Bignonia frutescens*, *Bignonia incisa*, *Bignonia stans*, *Gelsemium mollis*, *Gelsemium stans*, *Stenolobium incisum*, *Stenolobium quinquejugum*, *Stenolobium stans*, *Stenolobium stans* var. *apiifolium*, *Stenolobium stans* var. *multijugum*, *Stenolobium stans* var. *pinnatum*, *Stenolobium tronadora*, *Tecoma incisa*, *Tecoma molle*, *Tecoma stans* var. *angustatum*, *Tecoma stans* var. *apiifolia*]

**YELLOW ELDER** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to tropical America it has small slightly fragrant, bright yellow flowers.

It is also known as *Aufrechte Trompetenblume* (German), *Bois de Pissenlit* (French), Christmas hope, Elderbush, *Eschenblättrige Jasmintrumpete* (German), *Fausse bignone* (French), Florida yellow trumpet, Ginger Thomas, *Kelki heel* (Dutch), *Pachagotla* (Telugu), *Saúco amarillo* (Spanish), Shrubby trumpet flower, *Sonnapatti* (Tamil), Torchwood, *Trompetblomst* (Danish), *Trovadora*, Trumpet bush, *Trumpetbuske* (Swedish), Trumpet flower, Yellow bells, Yellow bignonia, Yellow cedar, Yellow trumpet bush, and Yellow trumpet tree.

The flowers shed large amounts of pollen.

*Stans* means 'erect or upright'.

Yellow elder has been used for hedging and is noted as an ornamental plant in Mexico and the southern United States.

It is a national flower of both the Bahamas and the US Virgin Islands.

Apparently the leaves and stems will yield a small quantity of rubber.

The plant is sometimes browsed by sheep or deer.

Medicinally, a decoction of the root has been used locally as a tonic and in treatments for fluid retention, scorpion stings, snake bites and intestinal worms.