

## TECOMA STANS 'GOLD STAR'

Tecoma stans 'Gold Star', also known as Yellow Bells or Esperanza, came to us from Texas A&M University. The Texas Superstar<sup>TM</sup> program introduces and markets plants noted for reliability and performance across the great state of Texas. This plant was selected from a San Antonio garden for its early bloom habit. It is also noted for its extreme heat tolerance and pest resistance. Considered a tropical shrub, this heat lover will bloom from last frost to first. Large clusters of clear yellow trumpet-shaped flowers are produced on compact shrubs with bright green foliage. Hummingbirds love the flowers! It is particularly appealing in containers or mass plantings. This plant grows so quickly, and flowers at such an early age, that it is a popular annual in colder regions. Expect growth to 4 feet tall by 3 feet wide in a single season. In moderate winter areas, the foliage may burn back to the ground, but it quickly recovers from the roots each spring. 'Gold Star' may reach six feet or more in milder climates. Hardy to 20° F. USDA Zone 9.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	8 feet x 8 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Clear yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Spring - Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Moderate
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	20° F, USDA Zone 8
PRUNING	Cut back in early spring

## SHRUB

