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Giant Thevetia

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Giant Thevetia

Thevetia thevetioides

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Be-still Tree, syn. Cascabela thevetioides

Description:

An elegant shrub or small tree grown for its large, fragrant yellow flowers in summer; an airy, open habit with fine textured foliage; often used as a patio plant; can become somewhat sprawling if left unattended; parts of this plant are known to be toxic

Ornamental Features

Giant Thevetia features showy clusters of fragrant yellow trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid summer to late fall. Its attractive glossy narrow leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the year. The fruits are showy black pods displayed in late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Giant Thevetia is an open multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Giant Thevetia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Giant Thevetia flowers
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Giant Thevetia in bloom
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- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Giant Thevetia will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.



Giant Thevetia fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Giant Thevetia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.