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## *Tabebuia aurea*

Silver Trumpet Tree, Tree-of-Gold,  
Yellow Pouí, Yellow Tab

Bignoniaceae  
Flower Display: A+



Fort Myers, Florida

Mid March

This is one of the most spectacular of flowering trees, especially when grouped. Flowering is brief, intense and is usually started and completed by all trees in close unison. *T. aurea* begins to bloom when the tree commences to lose its leaves. Trees flower with varying degrees of leaf retention. The most desirable flowering with no leaves. *T. aurea* comes in two distinct leaf colors: green and silvery-gray. Silvery-gray leaves are the preferred color, making the 'silver trumpet tree' a very desirable variety. Some specialists consider them to be two species. The bark of *T. aurea* becomes corky with age, and the trunk and canopy are frequently asymmetrical. This species is known for being shallow rooted and topples easily if not staked at planting.



**Leaves:** Palmate, opposite, to 11 inches long and 4 inches wide with 5-7 oblong-elliptic to oblong-lanceolate leaflets

**Flowers:** Funnelform, flaring mouth, bright yellow to 3 ½ inches long and 1 inch wide arranged on terminal panicles

**Fruits:** Capsules, oblong, narrow at each extreme, glossy, gray-brown, somewhat woody, to 6 inches long



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Late March

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**Incorrect:** *T. argentea*, *T. caraiba*, *Tecoma argentea*

**Zone:** 10a—12b, 28°F

**Flowering Month(s):** March—April

**Flowering Days:** 16

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Messiness:** Low

**Salt Tolerance:** High

**Drought Tolerance:** High

**Growth Rate:** Medium

**Nutritional Requirements:** Medium

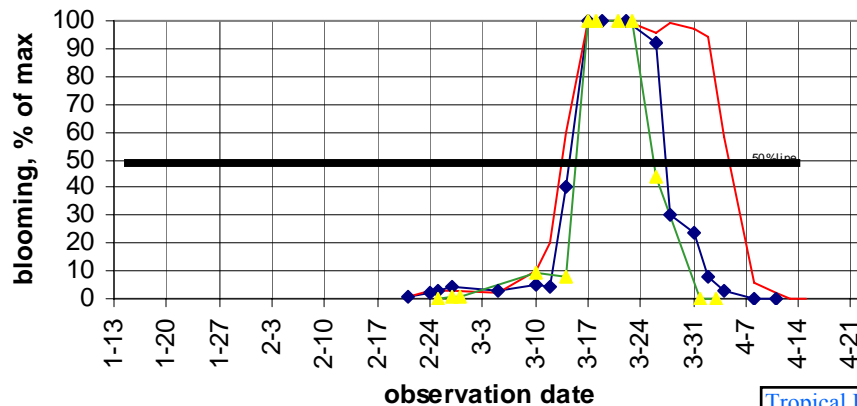
**Typical Dimension:** 25' x 20'

**Uses:** Park, Patio, Specimen, Streetscape

Cont. from other side

However, older well-established trees commonly remain standing, even after hurricane force winds. A few trees will begin flowering in late February, but the best performance comes in March or April. In summer, there is a second flower display on some trees. The second flowering does not match the intensity of the March bloom and there is no leaf loss. *T. aurea* grows well in a wide variety of soils and requires little maintenance. Newly planted trees may shed all their leaves in response to transplant shock.

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The flowering days of three *T. aurea* trees

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