

Tabebuia ochracea

Gold Trumpet Tree, Cortez, Corteza,
Guayacan, Piuva

Bignoniaceae

Flower Display: A+



Avon Park, Florida

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Early March



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Mid February

During the driest of days, *T. ochracea* outdoes itself with a spectacular flower display. Most trees growing close together bloom in near unison, making an unforgettable show. *T. ochracea* is an open crowned tree. Its flowers are golden yellow and appear on bare branches, in bountiful terminal clusters. Each flower lasts for only one day, but the inflorescence may persist for up to 12 days. After flowering, many fuzzy and slightly curved pods hang on the leafless tree, splitting in about a month, and gradually fall away. Before re-leafing, a few trees will produce an additional smattering of flowers, but nothing like the first bloom. *T. ochracea* leaves are rough to the touch. The undersides of the mature leaves are often pubescence white. Terminal, tufted, brown, velvety buds, and fuzzy brown velvety fruits characteristically identify the species. The fruits possess large numbers of laterally winged seeds, separated by a woody wall. Trees will flower when still quite young but full sun is required for the most intense display. Many trees have epiphytic plants on their rough limbs. Pruning is rarely required and is best done in March before releafing. In Florida, *T. ochracea* is almost always sold as *T. chrysatricha*.

Gold Trumpet Tree

Syn: *T. chrysatricha*, *T. ochracea*
T. hypodidiction

Origin: Central America to Argentina

Zone: 9a – 12b, 20°F minimum

Flowering Month(s): February - March

Flowering Days: 21

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous when flowering until late March, approximately 24 days

Messiness: Medium

Salt Tolerance: Medium

Drought Tolerance: High

Growth Rate: Slow

Nutritional Requirements: Medium

Potential Pests:

Typical Dimension: 15'x12'

Uses: Garden, Park, Patio, Specimen, Streetscape



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Leaves: Palmate, opposite, with 3-5 oblong-obovate to oblong-elliptic leaflets. Densely pubescent
Flowers: Funnelform, yellow with reddish penciling in throat, to 3 ½ inches long on terminal inflorescence, with one plane symmetry
Fruits: Capsules, linear-cylindric, narrowing at base, usually golden tan, densely pubescent, dehiscent, to 16 inches long and ¾ inches wide



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Tropical Flowering Trees List
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