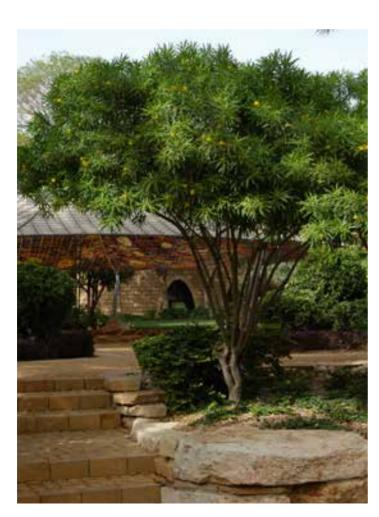
Be-Still Tree, Yellow Oleander

At first sight, this shrub is often mistaken for an oleander, which is its most popular relative. Indigenous to tropical America, this plant became known as Yellow Oleander to all frost-free regions worldwide. In late spring until autumn, it grows funnel-shaped, fragrant flowers in yellow, salmon or orange about 5 to 8 cm in size. Inflorescences attract butterflies and scattered flowering occurs the rest of the year. A variety called 'Alba' features white flowers that contrast well with the lush green foliage. The leaves are lanceolate and often pendulous, with a glossy surface measuring about 15 cm in length. Odd-shaped, bulky pods are green at first, turning red and black when ripe. They grow two nut-like seeds which readily germinate. The other method of propagation is semi-mature cuttings planted in late summer. For the best appearance, the soil should be welldrained and fertile with frequent irrigation. Nevertheless, Yellow Oleanders take full sun, heat, salinity and even drought. In cultivation, they remain shrubs some 3 metres high, while they may grow as small trees to 6 metres in their homeland or under ideal conditions. In some regions, they are considered invasive. Very common and useful shrubs in Arriyadh, they are easy to grow and always have a lush appearance. They can be planted in containers, used as flowering hedges or trained as a specimen tree. Heavy pruning is tolerated and results in rejuvenated, lush growth. Wounds exude a milky latex that irritates the skin.









GENERAL

Origin : sub-tropical, tropical
Vigour : fairly fast

Humidity : semi-humid, very

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Propagation: sowing and pricking out.

pricking out, cuttings

Maintenance : moderate

CONDITIONS

Urban climate : resistant
Dessication : vulnerable
Stagnant water : vulnerable
Irrigation : medium
Salinity/ppm : very high (7000 ppm)

Hardiness : -3°C

SHAPE

Type : shrub, tree
Height : 2 m-6 m
Spread : 2 m-6 m
Foliage : evergreen

FLOWER

Colour : yellow, orange,

pink

Size : 5 cm - 8 cm
Period : June - November
Smell : scented, strong,

pleasantly scented, flower, sweet

FRUIT

Type of fruit : drupe
Fruit size : 3.5 cm

Toxicity : highly poisonous