

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Yellow Bird-of-Paradise

Erythrostemon_(Caesalpinia) gilliesii

DESCRIPTION: Yellow Bird-of-Paradise is an upright, fast growing, wand-like deciduous shrub. Older plants may attain a height of 10 feet and nearly as wide. Clusters of bright yellow flowers with long red stamens are produced in the summer. It comes from Argentina and Uruguay, and has naturalized in subtropical areas of America. All parts of this plant are toxic.

RECOMMENDED USE: This long-lived and durable plant is tolerant of cold, heat and drought. It performs best in full sun exposures, making it a great seasonal accent

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Above ground stems hardy to 20°F; roots can resprout from -10 °F.



Sun tolerance: Best in full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use once established. No fertilization necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil will do.



Pruning: Its natural growth habit is irregular and open, but pruning will encourage dense growth.