



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Yellow Orchid Vine

Mascagnia (Callaeum) macroptera

DESCRIPTION: Native to Baja California and much of mainland Mexico, this twining vine may attain a spread of 30 feet. The vine roots where it touches the ground and can become aggressive and difficult to control. The beautiful yellow orchid-like flowers are about an inch wide and are produced in the spring and fall. The spring flowering does not occur if the plants freeze to the ground in the winter. This vine is noted mostly for its conspicuous winged fruits two inches across.

RECOMMENDED USE: Provides an excellent summer screen on a lattice or fence.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to about 25°F and (roots to 15 °F) will recover rapidly, even if frozen to the ground.



Sun tolerance: Will grow in full sun and tolerate light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use; water about once or twice a week during the hottest months for vigorous growth. Will survive on rainfall but will lose leaves during very dry periods. Feed once or twice a growing season.



Soil requirements: Will probably grow in almost any soil, but a well-drained soil is best.



Pruning: Remove frost-killed growth in spring if desired, though new growth will quickly cover it.