

Flowering Trees



Thevetia neriifolia Juss. ex Steud Syn. *J. peruviana* (Pers.) Schum (English: yellow oleander; Hindi: Pili-Kaner) of Apocynaceae is a small evergreen ornamental tree with strap-like simple leaves and funnel-shaped yellow flowers. Fruit is large with a single hard-shelled seed.

Thevetia trees are largely cultivated in gardens and parks for ornamental purposes. They are also used as hedge plants. The milky juice (latex) of the tree and the glucoside 'thevetine' of the seed are highly poisonous. The bark is bitter and is used in treating intermittent fevers.