

# Mexican Bird of Paradise Tree (Common Name)



## *Erythrostemon mexicanus* (Scientific Name)

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 12' – 18' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 24"

Powerline Friendly: 15' – 25' from base

Root Damage Potential: Low

Leaves: Dark green. Each leaf has five to nine pinnae. 1.6-3.5" in length.

Flowers: Yellow, slightly fragrant flowers are produced on 3.0 – 6.0" terminal spikes of 10 to 30. Blooming takes place from February to July.



### ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

Allergenic: N/A

BVOC Emissions: Moderate

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No



Tree Care: Plant in fall, in full sun for best establishment. Good drainage is needed for this tree to thrive. Little water is needed, and pruning is only needed to help control the size.

Ecosystem Services: Flowers are nectar rich and loved by butterflies and other pollinators. Seeds used by granivorous birds. When plants are large they are great habitat plants for birds.