

***Thevetia peruviana***

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Gentianales	Apocynaceae

**Common name** venevene (Cook Islands), chirca (Spanish), pua (Cook Islands), luckynut (English), yellow oleander (English), cabalonga (Spanish), geel-oleander (Afrikaans), irelepsech (Ulithian), loandro-amarelo (Portuguese), Thevetie (Spanish), adelfa amarilla (Spanish), jacapa (Spanish), kanneta (Chuukese), nohomalie (Hawaiian), be still tree (English), koneta (Chuukese), foreigner's tree (English), poupou (Tahitian), piti (Tahitian), oléandre jaune (French)

**Synonym** *Cascabela thevetia* , (L.) Lippoid  
*Cerbera thevetia* , L.  
*Thevetia neriifolia* , Juss. ex Steud.

**Similar species**

**Summary** Yellow oleander, *Thevetia peruviana* is a bushy shrub native to tropical America. Seedlings can be found on cultivated ground and ex-pasture land. It is cultivated in gardens as an ornamental where it competes with garden plants. It is an opportunistic plant and is found growing on disturbed habitats. Its fruit, seeds, foliage or sap are poisonous to man and animals. It is a significant weed in Timor-Leste and is listed as a Category 1 weed in South Africa (prohibited and to be controlled).



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**Habitat Description**

Yellow oleander prefers fertile, well-drained soils, but can survive on most soils (Csurhes and Edwards, 1998)

**Principal source:**

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| [4] ECUADOR          | [3] FIJI                            |
| [7] FRENCH POLYNESIA | [1] GUAM                            |
| [1] INDONESIA        | [1] ITALY                           |
| [2] MARSHALL ISLANDS | [6] MICRONESIA, FEDERATED STATES OF |



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FULL ACCOUNT FOR: *Thevetia peruviana*

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| [6] PALAU                                | [1] PUERTO RICO              |
| [2] SAMOA                                | [2] SOLOMON ISLANDS          |
| [1] SOUTH AFRICA                         | [1] TIMOR-LESTE              |
| [4] TONGA                                | [6] UNITED STATES            |
| [2] UNITED STATES MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS | [1] VIRGIN ISLANDS, U.S.     |

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[IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group \(ISSG\), 2010. A Compilation of Information Sources for Conservation Managers.](#)

**Summary:** This compilation of information sources can be sorted on keywords for example: Baits & Lures, Non Target Species, Eradication, Monitoring, Risk Assessment, Weeds, Herbicides etc. This compilation is at present in Excel format, this will be web-enabled as a searchable database shortly. This version of the database has been developed by the IUCN SSC ISSG as part of an Overseas Territories Environmental Programme funded project XOT603 in partnership with the Cayman Islands Government - Department of Environment. The compilation is a work under progress, the ISSG will manage, maintain and enhance the database with current and newly published information, reports, journal articles etc.

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