

## Bird Of Paradise *Caesalpinia gilliesii*

**Other Common Names:** Desert Bird of Paradise, Mexican Bird of Paradise, Yellow Bird of Paradise



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### BIRD of PARADISE

*Caesalpinia gilliesii*

**Perennial Evergreen Shrub**



**Full Sun**



**Hummingbirds**

**Water:** Low to medium

**7-10' Tall / Wide** **Color:** Yellow with bright red stamens

**Blooms:** Summer to fall

Semi-deciduous in the northern parts of the state

**Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener**

### General Information

A hardy perennial from Argentina that has naturalized in Texas. The blooms begin in the afternoon and take up to 4 hours to open and. Once open, that flower only lasts for one day. In northern Texas, it will die to the ground at the first freeze but will come back in spring. Because of this, Yellow Bird of Paradise is grown as a bush. It is both drought and heat tolerant. Its numerous blooms attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds

### Characteristics

**Hardiness Zones:** 8-11

**Heat Tolerance:** Very High

**Size:** 7-10 feet tall by 7-10 feet wide

**Flowers:** Exotic blooms, 5 to 7 inches long yellow petals with protruding bright red stamens.

**Bloom time:** May to September

**Leaves:** Long bluish-green, fine fern-like texture

### Pests and Disease Problems

None

### Plant Care

Plant in full sun with good drainage; it needs a more dry environment than a wet one. It does well in most all soils, even rock, but hates heavy clay where it can get waterlogged. If on an irrigation system, allow the soil to dry out before giving it a deep watering. Bird of Paradise is part of the legume family, having the ability to fix its own nitrogen from the air. Supplemental fertilization should be limited to a yearly application in early spring. Propagation is easy from seeds when sowed directly outdoors in the fall or after the last spring frost.

### Warning

Seed pods and seeds are poisonous. Plant can spread aggressively if not deadheaded

### Sources for Additional Information

TAMU Aggie Horticulture. [Yellow Bird of Paradise](#)

TAMU Earth-Kind Landscaping. [Yellow Bird of Paradise](#)