

Photogenic Bright Yellow Morning Glory Flowers of Genus *Merremia*

Nakum and Yaxha areas of PNYNN



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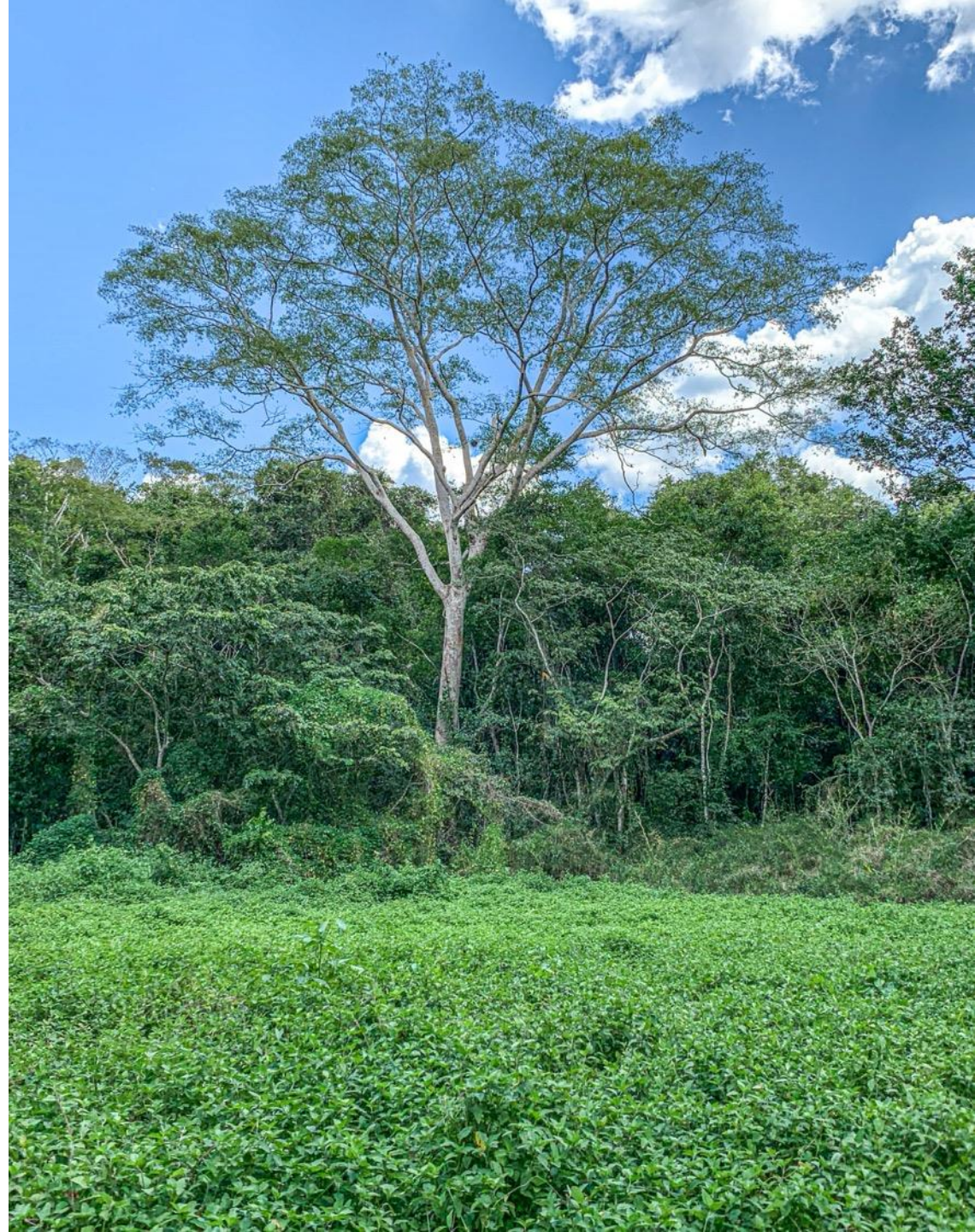


Aguada
near
Nakum
camp
ground,
iPhone Xs,
March 27,
2019.





This is the seasonally inundated aguada near the camp ground at Nakum. No trees in the aguada so all the plants get plenty of direct sun most of the day. Hopefully a botanist who specializes in *Merremia*, *Ipomoeae*, etc. can provide the species name for these flowers. March 27, 2019.





Feb. 18, 2019, so a month before our second field trip to Nakum in March.

Same seasonally inundated aguada near the camp ground at Nakum, PNYNN.





You can see how these buds will twist open.

Not all morning glory flowers have clusters of buds like this species.

Seasonally inundated aguada near the camp ground at Nakum, PNYNN.



To help identify the genus and species it helps to have photos of the leaves. Snag is that these morning glory flowers are twining around other plants, so the leaves may be the plant the morning glory is attached.

Seasonally inundated aguada near the camp ground at Nakum, PNYNN.



Chapter 2. How many species of Genus *Merremia* are documented for Peten and surroundings?

There seems to be a glitch in the database for Genus *Merremia*, since the results show only one species: *Merremia discoidesperma*: Alta Verapaz, Baja Verapaz, El Quiche, Huehuetenango, Izabal, Peten. But, if you search each species individually, you find the results.

Merremia aegyptia: Chiquimula, Santa Rosa, Zacapa (S & W 1970, but Portal lists it often for Peten, including Tikal).

Merremia aturensis: savannas, but no mention of any departamento of Guatemala. No results in Portal de Biodiversidad de Guatemala.

Merremia cissoides: Santa Rosa, Suchitepequez. (S & W 1970, but Portal lists it often for Peten, including Tikal, plus Izabal).

Merremia discoidesperma: Alta Verapaz, Huehuetenango, Izabal. Best known for Chiapas—not listed for Belize (unless under another name). Portal de Biodiversidad de Guatemala lists this for Baja Verapaz, El Quiche, and also PETEN.

Merremia dissecta: Chiquimula, El Progreso, Zacapa. Listed for Mexico but not for Belize. But Portal lists it for Izabal and NW shore, Peten

Merremia tuberosa: Alta Verapaz, Baja Verapaz, Escuintla, Izabal, PETEN, Quezaltenango, Quiche, Retalhuleu, San Marcos, Suchitepequez. Portal de Biodiversidad de Guatemala specifies Tikal as one location in Peten.

Merremia umbellata: Alta Verapaz, Baja Verapaz, El Progreso, Escuintla, Guatemala, Izabal, Jutiapa, PETEN, Retalhuleu, San Marcos, Santa Rosa, Solola; Suchitepequez, Zacapa. (Standley and Williams 1970: 72-75). Portal adds Quetzaltenango, Lago Macanche and Uaxactun.

Balick, Nee and Atha (2000) for Belize and Villaseñor for Mexico (2016) list all the species for Genus *Merremia* in those parts of Mesoamerica:

Merremia aegyptia (L.) Urb. — Reg Use: MED. — Nv: campano del monte. — Habit: Vine. Also found in CAM, CHIS, QROO and TAB.

Merremia aturensis (H.B.K.) H. Hallier — Syn: *Ipomoea aphylla* Standl.— Habit: Vine. Also found, so far, only in CHIS.

Merremia cissoides (Griseb.) H. Hallier — Reg Use: MED. — Habit: Vine. Also found in CAM, CHIS, QROO and TAB.

Merremia quinquefolia (L.) H. Hallier — Nv: white cowslip. — Habit: Vine. Found in CAM, CHIS, TAB—but not yet in QROO.

Merremia tuberosa (L.) Rendle— Loc Use: MED. — Reg Use: POIS, ORN. — Nv: seven-fingers. — Habit: Vine Also found in CAM, CHIS, QROO and TAB.

Merremia umbellata (L.) H. Hallier — Reg Use: PRD. — Habit: Vine. Also found in CAM, CHIS, QROO and TAB.

Merremia dissecta is listed for CAM, CHIS, QROO and TAB, but not for Belize.

Since Chiapas, Tabasco, Campeche, Quintana Roo, and Belize are adjacent to Peten, any species that is in CAM, CHIS, QROO and TAB should be in Peten. Same for plants from Balick, Nee and Atha. Here is the list for Mexico, with adjacent estados in bold font to suggest which species should be findable in Peten:

Merremia aegyptia (L.) Urb. **CAM, CHIS**, COL, GRO, JAL, MEX, MICH, NAY, OAX, **QROO**, SIN, **TAB**, VER, YUC

Merremia aturensis (Kunth) Hallier f. **CHIS**

**Merremia aurea* (Kellogg) O'Donell BCS

**Merremia austinii* J.A. McDonald TAMS

**Merremia cieloensis* J.A. McDonald TAMS

Merremia cissoides (Lam.) Hallier f. **CAM, CHIS**, DGO, GRO, MEX, MICH, NAY, OAX, **QROO**, SLP, SIN, **TAB**, TAMS, VER, YUC

Merremia discoidesperma (Donn. Sm.) O'Donell **CHIS**, COAH, GTO, VER

Merremia dissecta (Jacq.) Hallier f. BCN, BCS, **CAM, CHIS**, COAH, COL, DGO, GTO, GRO, HGO, JAL, MEX, MICH, MOR, NAY, NLE, OAX, PUE, QRO, **QROO**, SLP, SIN, SON, **TAB**, TAMS, VER, YUC

**Merremia macdonaldii* Valencia-Avalos & Mart. Gord. GRO, OAX

**Merremia palmeri* (S. Watson) Hallier f. CHIH, GRO, SIN, SON

**Merremia platyphylla* (Fernald) O'Donell COL, GRO, JAL, MICH, MOR, OAX, PUE, ZAC

Merremia quinquefolia (L.) Hallier f. BCS, **CAM, CHIS**, CHIH, COL, GRO, JAL, MEX, MICH, MOR, NAY, OAX, PUE, QRO, SLP, SIN, SON, **TAB**, TAMS, VER

Merremia tuberosa (L.) Rendle **CAM, CHIS**, COL, GRO, HGO, OAX, PUE, QRO, **QROO**, SLP, **TAB**, VER, YUC

Merremia umbellata (L.) Hallier f. **CAM, CHIS**, COL, DGO, GTO, GRO, HGO, JAL, MEX, MICH, MOR, NAY, OAX, PUE, QRO, **QROO**, SLP, SIN, **TAB**, TAMS, VER, YUC

Villasenor 2016: 705-706

In conclusion, *Merremia tuberosa* and *Merremia umbellata* are both expected for Peten, and found in Peten. *Merremia aegyptia* is not yet documented for Peten.

Chapter 3

Yellow Morning Glory Flowers along the road from Yaxha to Nakum

Yellow morning glory out in the wild, along the Yaxha to Nakum road. So probably in the bajo vegetation.

Google Pixel 3 XL which was the model we had in 2019.

Photo by Juan Pablo Fumagalli, Jan. 20, 2019.



To the left
of the
yellow
Merremia
are deep
purple-
lavender
morning
glory
flowers.

In the
middle
what look
like *Acacia*
shrubs.



To the left of the yellow *Merremia* are deep purple-lavender morning glory flowers.



Yellow flowers on
morning glory vines
along the shore of
the west-
southwest part of
Lake Yaxha,
PNYNN.

Nikon D810 with
200mm Nikkor
tele-macro lens.



Much brighter yellow morning glory flowers out in the wild, along the Yaxha to Nakum road. So probably in the bajo vegetation.

Nice photo by Juan Pablo Fumagalli, Jan. 20, 2019, FLAAR Mesoamerica.



Close-up photo of cluster of bright yellow flowers, but with a tone of green in the structure.

Photo by Nicholas Hellmuth along the road through the bajo vegetation from Yaxha to Nakum.



Chapter 4

Beautiful Yellow Morning Glory Flowers in the Savanna East of Nakum

Savanna East of Nakum, PNYNN, March 28, 2019.

I estimate that this is *Merremia umbellata* but there are several other species of genus *Merremia* that have similar yellow flowers and are also native to Peten.

To our knowledge no botanist, ecologist or soil scientist has undertaken field research in the Savanna East of Nakum. So we have hiked here on many occasions. We show the entire savanna from satellite views plus our drone photos in several publications: Hellmuth 2021. We show white morning glory flowers there (ibid.: 44 to 48). And *Merremia* on page 49.

Plus there are two volumes on “The Mysterious Island of *Thalia geniculata*” in this Savanna East of Nakum. Just Google that title and you can download the PDFs.



Genus *Merremia*
is also part of
the morning
glory family,
Convolvulaceae.

Merremia
umbellata
flower, Savanna
East of Nakum,
March 28, 2019.

Photo by
Nicholas
Hellmuth with
Nikon D810 with
Nikkor 60mm
lens.



Chapter 5

Flowering *Merremia* Vines along the Shore of Lake Yaxha, PNYNN

South shore of Lake Yaxha, probably *Merremia* species adjacent to purple probable *Ipomoea* species. So Parque Nacional Yaxha, Nakum and Naranjo, PNYNN, is a great place to see and photograph these flowers. And a good place for future botanical field work for a thesis, PhD dissertation, conference/symposium presentation, or comparable botanical field work.

We have a separate FLAAR Reports on the other morning glory flowers of PNYNN.



Different angle of view.





Closer view, so you can see at least a few of the botanical aspects.

South shore
of Lake
Yaxha, Feb.
16, 2019.



Chapter 6

***Merremia* Flowers along Shore of Southwest part of Lake Yaxha**

Lots of these yellow
flowered morning glory
vines along the shore of
the west-southwest part
of Lake Yaxha, PNYNN.

Canon camera with
EF300mm f/2.8L IS II
USM lens by Maria
Alejandra Gutierrez. Dec.
23, 2018.



Yaxha lake
shore maybe
Merremia
umbellata.

Dec. 23,
2018. Photo
by Maria
Alejandra
Gutierrez.



Yellow flowered morning glory vines along the shore of the west-southwest part of Lake Yaxha, PNYNN.



Yellow flowering morning glory vines
along the shore of the west-southwest
part of Lake Yaxha, PNYNN.

Most likely genus *Merremia*.

Photo by Nicholas Hellmuth with Nikon
D810 with 200mm Nikkor tele-macro
lens.





Since vines need other plants to climb upwards, there are lots of different sizes and shapes of leaves near the morning glory flowers.

Photo by Hellmuth in the bajo vegetation between Yaxha and Nakum.



**Masses of Bright Deep Yellow *Merremia* flowers,
shore of Lake Yaxha entering the South West Cenote, Dec. 23, 2018**





Lots of leaves, but some are of the *Merremia* and others are the plants that these vines are twining up.

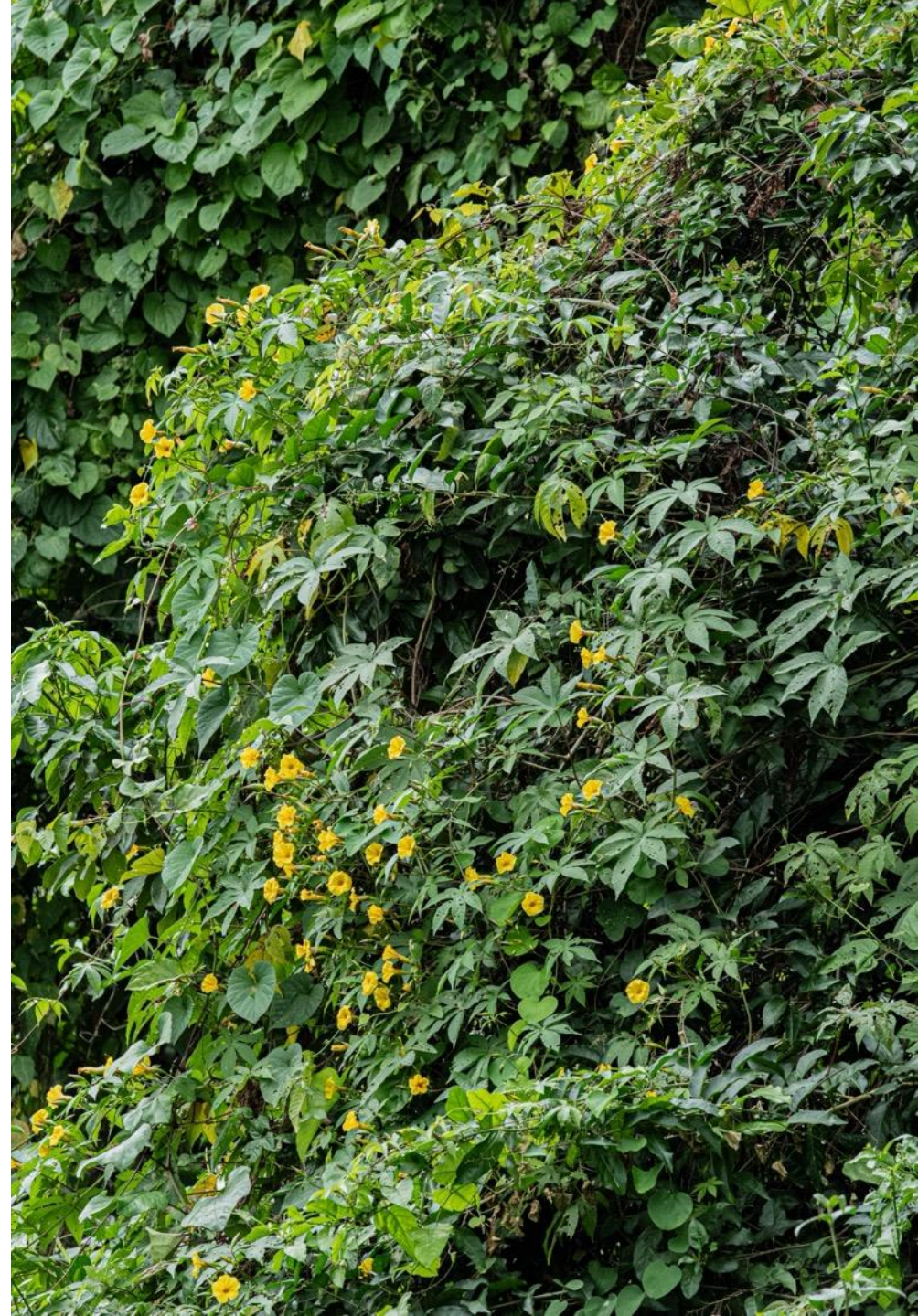
Shore of Lake Yaxha entering the South West Cenote, Dec. 23, 2018.





Some morning glory species have only a few flowers, but others, like this *Merremia* species, have lots of flowers every day.

So this is what you can enjoy seeing and photographing while visiting Yaxha.







Concluding Observations

All these six species of genus *Merremia* have been documented for Peten. So, in theory, all six species can be found in the Reserva de la Biosfera Maya. Three are white, so easy to confuse with morning glories of *Aniseia* genus that are also found in Peten. We cover the white morning glory flowers in a separate FLAAR Reports on flowers of PNYNN.

Merremia aegyptia, white flower, no yellow

Merremia cissoides, white flower, no yellow

Merremia discoidesperma, not adequate photo coverage, but potentially yellow flowers; labeled inactive taxon (iNaturalist.org) but listed as accepted name elsewhere.

Merremia dissecta, white flowers with red-pink insides. Has edible parts (Austin 2007). But it's a variant in South America whose roots are eaten—nonetheless need to check whether the roots in Peten are edible—even if no longer eaten by local people.

Merremia tuberosa, yellow flowers, has hallucinogenic properties (Råtsch no pagination in on-line edition).

Merremia umbellata, yellow flowers, edible (young leaves) and medicinal (roots). It is eaten in Asia

(<https://tropical.theferns.info/viewtropical.php?id=Merremia+umbellata>) but that means it was potentially available to be edible for the Maya thousands of years ago in Peten.

Suzanne Cook has helpfully documented that *Merremia tuberosa* is used by the Lacandon Maya of Chiapas as a resin to vulcanize latex of *Castilla elastica* to turn the latex into rubber (2016: 34, 165, 260. Curiously I have not yet found any mention of *Merremia* in books on plants of the Peten Itza. Cyrus Lundell has documented *Merremia umbellata* for “Northern Peten” (1937: 48, 74, 109, 182, 202). He notes them for secondary growth of abandoned clearings, milpas, etc. Lundell does not mention any other species of *Merremia* besides *umbellata*.

The separate FLAAR Reports on pink, lavender, purple morning glory flowers of genus *Ipomoea* plus white morning glory vines and flowers of genus *Aniseia* show all the morning glory flowers of those species that we have photographed so far in PNYNN during 2018-2019.

The present volume focuses on yellow morning glory flowers of genus *Merremia*. But one member of morning glory family, Combretaceae, that is both “edible” and potentially an ingredient to vulcanize latex of *Castilla elastica* to make rubber, is *Turbina corymbosa*. *Turbina corymbosa* is listed for Peten (Standley and Williams 1970). *Turbina corymbosa* is one of the most common wild native hallucinogenic plant in Guatemala and adjacent countries: in Mexico is native to CAM, CHIS, COL, DGO, GTO, GRO, HGO, JAL, MEX, MICH, MOR, NAY, OAX, PUE, QRO, QROO, SLP, SIN, TAB, TAMS, VER, YUC (Villaseñor 2016: 706) and is native to the rest of Mesoamerica as well. *Turbina corymbosa* is found in Peten (listed for Tikal and other areas of Peten) plus Alta Verapaz, Chimaltenango, El Progreso, Escuintla, Huehuetenango, Izabal, Jutiapa, Santa Rosa, Zacapa (Portal de Biodiversidad de Guatemala).



We have found and photographed *Turbina corymbosa* around Lake Atitlan and Takalik Abaj—but have not yet found or photographed *Turbina corymbosa* in Peten—definitely an essential plant to find. We do not permit “taste testing” of wild plants because some edible plants have to be cooked before they are edible. And other wild plants produce effects that are not appropriate. Plus some “edible plants” have toxic parts and edible parts, so never eat the wrong parts. Hence, best not to taste-test any out in the wild.

But the pre-Columbian cultures of Mesoamerica imbibed plant substances so they could “rise to the heavens while still in their palace” and “enter Xibilba on a vision quest” with both plants and animals (Bufo toad, *Rhinella marina*).

References Cited and additional Suggested Reading on Genus *Merremia*

Obviously, you can find dozens of monographs and articles that include discussion of species of genus *Combretum* simply by Googling the name of the tree. So we show below just the standard traditional references that we use for all the plants that we find in the Reserva de la Biosfera Maya, RBM, Peten, Guatemala.

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In order to post photographs on botanical and zoological websites, you can't do this if there is either no Internet or weak Internet. Thus it is very helpful that when we are provided rooms and meals, that Internet is also provided by the Ecolodge El Sombrero.

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HOW TO GET TO YAXHA?

MAP SYMBOLS



Archaeological sites



Airports



Dirt or gravel road



Road with deep ruts & mud



Highway





Go to the Mundo Maya airport in Santa Elena and then you will find a services of tourist vehicles to go to the archaeological site. If you want to go by car from Guatemala City, take the following route: Río Dulce - Poptún-Flores. At the junction further on you will find on the left the route to Tikal. Go straight on to the right towards Yaxha (towards Melchor de Mencos). In km. 521 at the village La Maquina, turn left to the site. Ecolodge El Sombrero is 50 meters before the entrance to National Park Yaxha - Nakum - Naranjo.

The following four pages Show the Front Covers of the first fifteen FLAAR Reports on Flowers of PNYNN worth Seeing and Learning About

The front covers are not yet hot links because we are still finishing these reports. But by end of October 2025, all fifteen will be on-line on www.Maya-ethnobotany.org and on other of our web sites.

We are also preparing FLAAR Reports on orchids and bromeliads of PNYNN.

FLAAR Reports on "How to Recognize which Tree Genus and Species by the Pattern, Color, or other Features of the Bark on their Trunk"

FLAAR Reports on edible insects of PNYNN. There are over 500 edible insects across Mexico, so we are looking for samples at PNYNN.

FLAAR Reports on waterbirds of PNYNN, published as part of a project of coordination and cooperation with FUNDAECO.

Bright Orange Flowers of *Cordia dodecandra*, Nakum Area of PNYNN, Peten, Guatemala



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Ludwigia octovalvis



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Masses of Yellow Flowers, Genus *Combretum*, along road between Yaxha and Nakum, PNYNN



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Flowers and bizarre Bracts of *Calathea lutea*,
relative of *Heliconia* and of Banana
Naranjo-Sa'al and Savanna of 3 Fern Species
areas of Parque Nacional Yaxha, Nakum and
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Fresh Green Leaves of *Calathea lutea*
are a great Alternative to Plastic

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Costus pictus, Medicinal Flowers,
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Piscidia piscipula, Jabin, Dogwood, with Hummingbird Pollinator
Yaxha and Nakum areas of Parque Nacional Yaxha, Nakum and Naranjo



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A beautiful Red Flower, a Hibiscus Relative, but the Petals and Sepals never open
Malvaviscus arboreus, Sleeping Hibiscus



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Photogenic wild Morning Glory Flowers of Nakum and Yaxha areas of PNYNN



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Photogenic Bright Yellow Morning Glory Flowers of Genus *Merremia*

Nakum and Yaxha areas of PNYNN



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Yellow Flower Paradise, Yellow Flowers Covering the Tree Canopy

Nakum, East of Savanna Bajo, PNYNN



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Yellow Flowers & Fruits of Wild Undomesticated Squash Vines,
Cucurbita lundelliana

Along the Shores of Lakes and Rivers in Parque Nacional Yaxha, Nakum and Naranjo



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Orange Masses of Flowers of Parasitic Vine (but does not kill the host)
Genus *Psittacanthus*, Yaxha, Blom Sacbe and adjacent Grupo Maler



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**Yellow-Orange Flowers of Trees of the *Caesalpinia* species,
Fabaceae family
Bajo La Justa, between Yaxha and Nakum, PNYNN**



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**Gorgeous Yellow Masses of Flowers of
Haematoxylum campechianum
at Parque Nacional Yaxha, Nakum and Naranjo**

Volume 14 for Series:
Flowers worth experiencing at Parque Nacional Yaxha,
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**Flowers of
Orchids on Trees**
surrounding the Maya Ruins
of Yaxha, PNYNN

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