

Amorpha fruticosa



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False Indigo-bush, Bastard indigo

Fabaceae (Leguminosae)

Plant Specifics

Size: 6-12 ft tall by 6-10 ft wide

Life Span: Long-lived perennial

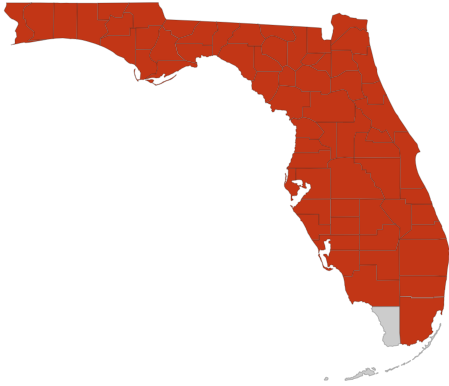
Flower Color: Blue, purple

Fruit Color: Brown (legume)

Phenology: Deciduous. Blooms spring-summer.

Habitats: Moist hammocks, dry hammocks, dry hardwood forests

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

10A 8A 8B 9A 9B

Landscaping

Recommended Uses: Multistemmed shrub that can form small thickets. Plant as a screen, hedge, or background plant.

Light: ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade

Moisture Tolerance: Usually moist, occasional inundation ----- to Short very dry periods

Salt Water Flooding Tolerance: Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.

Salt Spray Tolerance: Some tolerance to salty wind but not direct spray.

Soil/Substrate: Sand

Wildlife



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Larval host for southern dogface (*Zerene cesonia*), gray hairstreak (*Strymon melinus*), and silver-spotted Skipper (*Epargyreus clarus*).

Said to attract bees, beetles, and other insect pollinators.