

Senna ligustrina



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Privet Senna, Privet Wild Sensitive Plant

Fabaceae (Leguminosae)

Also known as *Cassia ligustrina*

Plant Specifics

Size: 4-8 ft tall by 3-6 ft wide

Life Span: Long-lived perennial

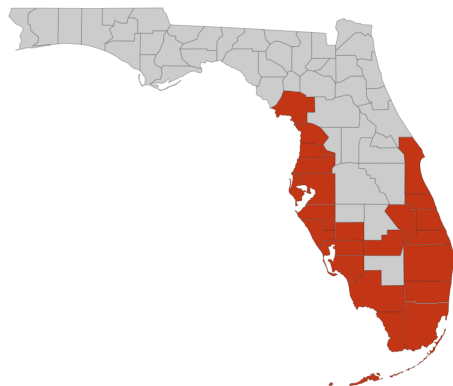
Flower Color: Yellow

Fruit Color: Brown

Phenology: Evergreen. Flowers fall to spring or occasionally summer (most common during the dry season).

Habitats: Hammock edges, disturbed areas.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



Landscaping

Recommended Uses: Specimen shrub.

Light: ☀ Full Sun

Moisture Tolerance: Somewhat moist, no flooding ----- to ----- Very long very dry periods

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

Salt Spray Tolerance: Moderate. Tolerant of salty wind and may get some salt spray. Exposure to salt spray would be uncommon (major storms).

Soil/Substrate: Sand



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Wildlife



Larval host plant for cloudless sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*), sleepy orange (*Eurema nicippa*) and the introduced orange barred sulphur (*Phoebis philea*) butterflies.

A gland at the base of the leaves attracts ants that attack butterfly caterpillars (IRC, 2021)

Sennas attract butterflies, solitary bees including sweat bees and bumble bees, as pollinators.