

Vachellia farnesiana



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Sweet Acacia

Fabaceae (Leguminosae)

Also known as *Acacia farnesiana*

Plant Specifics

Size: 8-20 ft tall by 6-10 ft wide

Life Span: Long-lived perennial

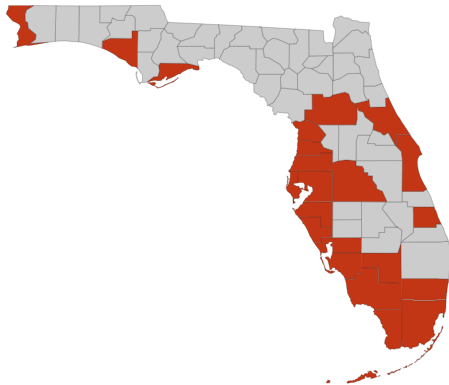
Flower Color: Yellow

Fruit Color: Brown

Phenology: Evergreen

Habitats: Coastal uplands, ruderal, shell middens

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



Landscaping

Recommended Uses: Good for barrier shrub and as wildlife thicket also nice as specimen.

Light: ☀ Full Sun

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

Salt Water Flooding Tolerance: Tolerant of occasional/brief inundation such ; can occur in storm surges.

Salt Spray Tolerance: High. Can tolerate significant and ongoing amounts of salty wind and salt spray without injury.

Soil/Substrate: Sand

Wildlife



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The thorny branches make good cover for birds and other wildlife. Fruits are not generally valued. Attracts pollinator:

There are 2 subspecies, *V. farnesiana* var. *farnesiana* and *farnesiana* var. *pinetorum*. Var. *pinetorum* is rare. It is also smaller.

There is a very rare species, *Vachellia macranthera*, occasionally cultivated. It occurs rarely in extreme south Florida and has been found as a likely storm-deposited weed in a couple of areas on the west coast of FL. If you have it, enjoy it. Culture should be similar to *V. farnesiana*.

Attracts pollinators and uses ants both for protection against unwanted insects.