

Senna pendula

Christmas senna



Appearance: Sprawling evergreen shrub to 4 m (13 ft) tall (or wide), with somewhat zigzag, sparsely hairy stems.

Leaves: Alternate, stalked, even-pinnately compound, with 3–6 pairs of leaflets, larger ones at leaf tip; leaflets to 4 cm (1.6 in) long, oblong with rounded tips. Petioles with gland above, between lowermost leaflets (and occasionally between others).

Flowers: Yellow or yellow-green, 3–4 cm (1.2–1.6 in) across, in 3- to 12-flowered racemes near stem tips; stamens with prominent, curved filaments.

Fruit: A brown slender pod, cylindrical, glabrous, 7–12 cm (3–5 in) long.

Ecological threat:

Described as fast and rank in its growth. Displaces native vegetation in disturbed and undisturbed areas of Florida's tropical hammocks, coastal strands, and canal banks. FLEPPC Category I



Distribution: C, SW, SE

Field Notations

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