

## *Sesbania punicea*

Spanish gold



**Appearance:** Erect, deciduous, perennial shrub, 1–3 m (3.3–10 ft) tall.

**Leaves:** Alternate, pinnately compound, once divided; leaflets in 10–17 pairs, leaflets 1–3 cm long, to 1 cm (0.4 in) wide, margins entire. Overall leaf length is 16–85 cm (6–33 in).

**Flowers:** Irregular, borne from leaf axils in racemes of 5–30 flowers; raceme to about 12 cm (4.7 in) long; petals 1.5–2.5 cm (0.6–1 in) long, red to orange red.

**Fruit:** Oblong, four-winged, dark brown pod, 2–8 cm (0.8–3 in) long, 1–1.5 cm (0.4–0.6 in) wide; wings wavy or notched.

### **Ecological threat:**

FLEPPC Category II—Invasive exotics that have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species.

**Distribution:** NW, NE, C, SW, SE



### **Field Notations**

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