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**Appearance:** Deciduous, unarmed tree to 20 m (65 ft) tall, with a rounded, spreading crown and pale bark.

**Leaves:** Alternate, twice compound, with 2–5 pairs of pinnae, each pinna with 3–10 pairs of leaflets; leaflets elliptic-oblong, 2–4 cm (1–2 in) long. Usually asymmetrical at base, dull green above, paler green below.

**Flowers:** Mimosa-like, in showy, rounded clusters near stem tips, 5–6 cm (2–2.5 in) across, cream or yellowish-white; each flower with numerous long stamens.

**Fruit:** Flat, linear pod, to 30 cm (1 ft) long, with many seeds; dried pods persistent after leaf-fall, often heard rattling in the wind.

### **Ecological threat:**

Invading tropical hammocks in the Florida Keys and the somewhat disturbed pinelands of Everglades National Park. Also invading pine rocklands and canopy gaps in the rockland hammocks in Dade County. FLEPPC Category I

**Distribution:** C, SW, SE



### **Field Notations**

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