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SENNA LIGUSTRINA

A Native and Host plant for Sulphur Butterflies

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Senna ligustrina, or privet senna, is an easy to grow Florida native plant. It is a nectar plant for pollinators and a larval host plant for species of sulphur butterflies. This is a perennial that lives for several years and produces beautiful yellow flowers and thin bean pods. It prefers full sun but will also grow in part-sun, with sandy, well-drained soil. Privet senna naturally occurs on the east and west coasts of central and south Florida. It grows easily from seed and is readily available in native plant nurseries.

Quick Facts

Common name: Privet senna

Scientific name: *Senna ligustrina*

Family: Fabaceae (Bean family)

Zone: 9a - 11

Height: 4 - 8'

Width: 3-6'

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