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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'

## Learn more

[blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/hillsboroughco/2024/01/14/senna-ligustrina-a-native-and-host-plant-for-sulphur-butterflies](https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/hillsboroughco/2024/01/14/senna-ligustrina-a-native-and-host-plant-for-sulphur-butterflies)

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