



**Wild Senna**  
*Senna hebecarpa*

Plant Height: 30 inches

Flower Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: syn. Cassia hebecarpa, Wild Cassia

Group/Class: Native

**Description:**

This native perennial produces dense clusters of golden yellow flowers over a mound of airy green foliage; non-aggressive and non-invasive, a great choice for the garden or border; remove faded flower heads to maintain appearance

**Ornamental Features**

Wild Senna features showy racemes of gold cup-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late summer to early fall. Its oval pinnately compound leaves are dark green in color. The foliage often turns yellow in fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Wild Senna is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Wild Senna is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Wild Senna flowers*  
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*Wild Senna in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Wild Senna will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity extending to 5 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade or which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Wild Senna is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Sizes Available:

4.5" CONT \$7.49