

Senna pendula

VALAMUERTO

Fabaceae

Common Synonyms: *Cassia bicapsularis*

FLEPPC Category: 1

FDACS Listed Noxious Weed: No

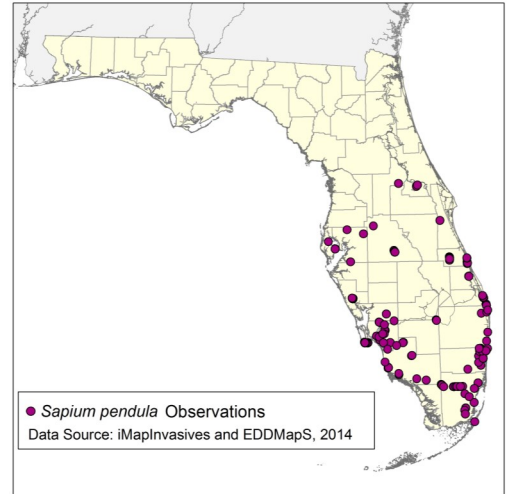
IFAS Assessment

North	OK
Central	OK
South	PROHIBITED

USDA Hardiness Zone: 8b-11

Growth Habit: Shrub

Origin: South America



Senna pendula var. *ambigua*, by Mauricio Mercadante
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Description: Sprawling evergreen shrub to 4 m tall and wide, with somewhat zigzag, sparsely hairy stems. Leaves alternate, stalked, even-pinnately compound. Leaflets in 3–6 pairs, oblong with rounded tips, terminal largest, to 4 cm long. Petioles with gland above, between lowermost leaflets and occasionally between others. Flowers yellow, 3–4 cm across, in 3- to 12-flowered showy racemes near stem tips. Stamen filaments prominent, curved. Fruit a brown slender, cylindrical, glabrous pod 7–12 cm long.

Habitat: hardwood hammock, basin swamp, coastal strands and canal banks

Comments: Plants will come back if tops killed by freezing. Showy flowers produced in late fall to early winter.

Florida Introduction Date: 1930s

Control Methods:

Mechanical: Isolated plants can be dug out and roots removed.

Chemical: Basal bark (Fluroxypyr 200 g/L) or cut stump (glyphosate 360 g/L)

Useful Resources:

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