

Botanical Name: Senna bicapsularis (Cassia bicapsularis)

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Type of Plant: dicot: shrub/small tree Family Fabaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape large upright shrub to small tree with upright, multiple

trunks forming a dense rounded to oval canopy.

Height to 12' Spread equal to greater Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil tolerates most soils; good drainage is essential.

Hardiness some frost (zones 13, 22-24) can recover if killed back

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately compound; leaflets obovate to oblong-obtuse or oval

margins entire

Flowers October to February; pale yellow flowers on terminal and

axillary corymb-like structures

Fruit cylindrical pods to 6"

Propagation: seed

Usage: good in drought tolerant landscapes, on slopes, as a small

patio tree, accent for form and fall flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering once established, requires only occasional, deep soakings;

can survive with no summer irrigation

Fertilizing balanced in spring; correct for chlorosis

Pruning prune to encourage upright, shape; head and thin as needed

Pests/Diseases no particular pests.

Other summer irrigation or heavy, wet soils can cause root rot

Origin: tropical Americas; now distributed throughout tropics