

Botanical Name: Senna artemisioides (Cassia artemisioides)

Common Name: Feathery senna

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an open, airy small shrub; forms a loose rounded or
mounded canopy with distinctive feathery foliage

Height 3-5' Spread equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors requires full sun near the coast; tolerates some shade

Soil thrives in coarse, sandy, well-drained habitats; avoid wet

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,12-16,18-23);best suited for warm dry soil

Morphology:

Leaves even-pinnately compound, alternate, 2-3" long; leaflets are
linear, gray-green, 1 to 1-1/2" long, needle-like in appearance

Flowers sulphur yellow, to 3/4" across, in small clusters produced
toward the ends of the branches; Jan. - April

Fruit a pod: 1-2" long, somewhat constricted between the seeds

Propagation: seed

Usage: an excellent small accent shrub for its airy form,
feathery foliage and late winter flower display; loose filler or informal
mass-planting on slopes; good for subtropical and desert-theme landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; plant is drought-tolerant; avoid
over-watering in clay soil habitats

Fertilizing none required

Pruning selectively head back to promote a more dense form

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions relatively short-lived

Origin: Australia Family: Fabaceae