

Botanical Name: Senna didymobotrya (Cassia didymobotrya)

Common Name: Popcorn plant, Nairobi senna

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright to sprawling, loosely branched, rangy,
irregular canopy

Height 4-8' Spread 10-12' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers well draining, drier soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 13, 22-24), best near coast

Morphology:

Leaves even pinnately compound, alternate, leafy stipules, leaf
8-16' long, 8-16 pairs of leaflets, oval, 1-2" long, mucronate apex dark green

Flowers bright yellow, butterfly shaped, showy, December-May --
scented like popcorn

Fruit flat, oblong pod, 3-4" long

Propagation: seed, scarification needed

Usage: fast growing filler or background for late winter -spring
flower display, good for dry, sunny locations, subtropical landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak, avoid overwatering

Fertilizing little needed after established

Pruning head back, thin out dead wood in summer after blooming

Pests/Diseases relatively free -- ants are attracted to flowers

Special Conditions

Origin: E. Africa Family: Fabaceae