



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Shrubby Senna or Pinacate

Senna wislizeni

DESCRIPTION: Shrubby Senna, unlike most of our regional sennas, becomes a large, woody bush, although the growth rate is rather slow. This winter deciduous species has an open form with angular branching, growing to nearly 10' tall in time. Flowers are bright yellow, borne from June through October. Sulphur butterflies use this plant as a host for their larva. Shrubby Senna is native to the region where Arizona and New Mexico meet with Sonora, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: It can be used as a background plant in a butterfly garden, for a barrier, or in a xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Fully hardy in Tucson and mid-elevations.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water to establish; lower water use later, but will always benefit from supplemental irrigation.



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