



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Slimpod Senna *Senna hirsuta* var. *glaberrima*

DESCRIPTION: A small, narrow subshrub to 3' tall or so. Leaves are dark green and smooth. Native to grassland and oak forest canyons of southeastern Arizona. Bright yellow flowers occur in early spring and again in the summer. It is fast growing species and short-lived (~5 years), but reseeds readily. Locally, it is one of the best larval food plants for several species of Sulphur butterflies including the Tailed Orange, Sleepy Orange, Little Yellow, and Cloudless Sulphur.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use for mid-height color in a garden setting, enhanced desert landscape or to attract wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It tends to lose leaves when temperatures dip to 25F but is hardy into the low teens.



Sun tolerance: Will take full sun to all-day moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate water user. Will benefit from monthly feeding.



Soil requirements: Best in well-drained soil.



Pruning: Prune back frost damage in late March.