

## Wild Senna (*Senna hebecarpa*)

Wild Senna, also known as American Senna, is a member of the “Legume” plant family and is native to regions of Eastern North America from the Carolinian Region in Ontario south to Georgia and west to Minnesota. It is a clumping species that with time can produce several tall, flowering stems.



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**Plant Type:**  
Long-lived, deep rooted, clumping perennial.



**Light Conditions:**  
Thrives in full sun but will tolerate part sun (minimum 6 hours of sun)



**Soil/Moisture:**  
Wet to moist soil conditions preferred but will tolerate dry soil. Adaptable to various soil types.



**Size/Height:**  
1 to 2 metres (3 to 6 feet)



**Flowers:**  
Yellow flower clusters in late July and August.



**Wildlife Benefits:**  
Seeds provide excellent late fall and winter food for native birds. Flowers attract large numbers of native bees and other pollinators.



**Cautions:**  
In ideal growing conditions, this plant can sometimes seed in and spread through the garden. If this occurs, dead-heading in early fall can help limit seed spread.