



Partridge Pea

Chamaecrista fasciculata

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Sun, Part Shade
- Soils: Sandy, well-drained, dry to moist
- Bloom Time: Yellow flowers in July, August, September
- Size: 1-3ft in height; 6-12in spread

This is a native annual. Plant to establish disturbed sites, as part of a wildflower meadow or border. Partridge Pea is also called Sensitive Plant because its leaves collapse when touched. The annual readily self-seeds. It is easily shaded out by larger plants. As a legume, Partridge Pea fixes nitrogen.

Garden Companions

Small Yellow Wild Indigo (*Baptisia tinctoria*), Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*), White Wood Aster (*Eurybia divaricata*), Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), Slender Woodland Sedge (*Carex digitalis*)

Nature Benefits

- Seed pods provide food for birds and small wildlife
- Offers nectar for bumble bees, butterflies, and ants
- Larval host for cloudless giant sulphur, orange sulphur, and sleepy orange butterflies

Natural Habitat

Occurs in dry fields and clearings, meadows, and roadsides