

# *Senna pendula* var. *glabrata*

VALAMUERTO

*Fabaceae*

Common Synonyms: *Cassia bicapsularis*

**FLEPPC Category:** 1

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

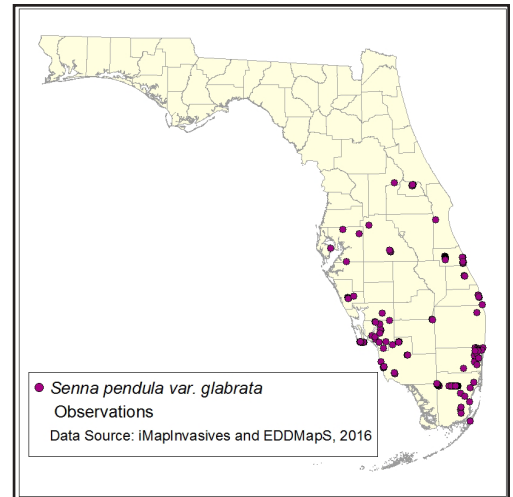
**IFAS Assessment**

North	OK
Central	OK
South	INVASIVE

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 8b-11

**Growth Habit:** Shrub

**Origin:** South America



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**Description:** Sprawling evergreen shrub to 4 m tall and wide, with somewhat zigzag, sparsely hairy stems. Leaves alternate, stalked, even-pinnately compound. Leaflets in 3–6 pairs, oblong with rounded tips, terminal largest, to 4 cm long. Petioles with gland above, between lowermost leaflets and occasionally between others. Flowers yellow, 3–4 cm across, in 3- to 12-flowered showy racemes near stem tips. Stamen filaments prominent, curved. Fruit a brown slender, cylindrical, glabrous pod 7–12 cm long.

**Habitat:** hardwood hammock, basin swamp, coastal strands and canal banks

**Comments:** Plants will come back if tops killed by freezing. Showy flowers produced in late fall to early winter.

**Florida Introduction Date:** 1930s

**Control Methods:**

Mechanical: Isolated plants can be dug out and roots removed.

Chemical: Basal bark (Fluroxypyr 200 g/L) or cut stump (glyphosate 360 g/L)

**Useful Resources:**

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