

Partridge pea *Chamaecrista fasciculata*

General Landscape Uses: Primarily recommended for natural landscapes and habitat restorations. Also wildflower and butterfly gardens.

Ecological Restoration Notes: An occasional understory herb in pinelands and coastal uplands.

Dimensions: Typically 1-3 feet in height. Sometimes as broad as tall.

Growth Rate: Fast. An annual or short-lived perennial.

Range: Widespread in North America south to Miami-Dade County and the Monroe County mainland.

Habitats: Pinelands and coastal uplands.

Soils: Moist, well-drained sandy soils, without humus.

Nutritional Requirements: Low; it grows in nutrient poor soils.

Salt Water Tolerance: Low; does not tolerate long-term flooding by salt or brackish water.

Drought Tolerance: High; does not require any supplemental water once established.

Light Requirements: Full sun.

Wildlife and Ecology: Provides food for birds. **Larval host plant** for ceraunus blue (*Hemiargus ceraunus*), cloudless sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*), little yellow (*Eurema lisa*) and gray hairstreak (*Strymon melinus*) butterflies. Attracts bee pollinators.

Comments: Spreads readily from seed in the garden. In Miami-Dade County, distinguished from Deering partridge pea (*C. deeringiana*) by its yellow (vs. red) anthers.



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Hello Priscilla, you can use any of the information on the attached plant description sheet. The presenter will be Charlie Reverte, resident, and board member of the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. The Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) is a non-profit organization formed in 1980 to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. The Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (DCFNPS) is one of 37 chapters around the state and includes residents of the Florida Keys. They meet at Pinecrest Gardens on the 4th Tuesday of each month (<https://dade.fnpschapters.org>). Charlie is co-developer of the Society's on-line Native Plant Store (<https://store.dade.fnpschapters.org>), where local folks can purchase some hard to find native plants.

Thank you,

Ken

Ken Fairman
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