



Senna artemisioides

Silver Cassia/Punty Bush



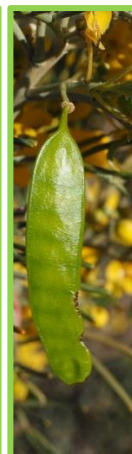
(Murfet, D, Seeds of South Australia)

Form: *Medium shrub* **Height:** *1 – 3 m*



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Spread: *1 – 2 m*



Flowers: *Yellow*



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Type: *Open-petalled*

Flowering time: *Spring, Winter*



Adult *Icilius*
Hairstreak

Ecological functions:



Soils: *sand or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *2 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: place sheets or plastic beneath the bush, shake branches to dislodge pods and seed. Use sieves to screen out unwanted material. Place clean seed in container. Add some insecticide and store away until required.

Seed treatment: place seed into a container with hot NOT BOILING water from the tap. Soak for at least 6 hours. Remove and sow immediately.

Sowing requirements: place seed onto propagating tray, cover with soil or fine gravel. Keep moist. Sow from Spring. Sow in early Winter in low rainfall areas, and in late Winter in high rainfall areas. Requires good drainage.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: hardy, ornamental. Suitable for areas of low maintenance. Can be used as a background shrub in mixed plantings, or on wide roadside verges, road batters and wide median strips as a barrier, wind-break and soil control. Food source to *Icilius* Hairstreak (*Jalmenus icilius*) caterpillars.

Notes: keep away from sewage lines.