



Amorpha fruticosa, FALSE INDIGOBUSH

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BUTTERFLY GARDENING: LARVAL HOST PLANTS

Asclepias fascicularis, Milkweed
Ceanothus species, Wild Lilac
Eriogonum species, Buckwheat
Lotus scoparius, Deer Weed
Lupinus species, Lupine
Mimulus species, Monkeyflower
Prunus species, Cherry
Quercus species, Oak
Rhamnus species, Coffeeberry
Ribes species, Wild Currant
Salix species, Willow

False Indigobush is a large deciduous shrub that grows 10 feet tall by 10 feet wide and occurs in wooded canyons and slopes in inland mountains up to 7,500 feet in elevation. A member of the pea family, its royal purple flower spikes appear in summer and are followed by small seed pods. A spreading root system makes this plant an excellent choice for erosion control on large slopes or banks. It also makes a nice understory for tall trees, or the lower branches can be removed to create a small, multi-trunked tree. In full sun or full shade, deep water once a month during the dry season is sufficient. This is the larval host plant for the state butterfly, the California Dogface.

PLANT PROFILES

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