



www.LA3.com.au

SPECIES	Senna alata
COMMON NAME	Candlestick Cassia
ORIGIN	Southern North America, Brazil
DESIGN USE	Container, Garden, Patio, Streetscape planting



HEIGHT

2-4m

SPREAD

3-6m

HABIT

Semi-woody shrub, bold form and texture complements industrial scale architecture as illustrated

FLOWERS

Erect, terminal racemes all year

FLOWERING PERIOD

May

FRUIT

dry, papery beans which dehisce (split on seams) to shed loose hard seeds. The true cassia have indehiscent woody fruit.

VARIATIONS

Senna didymobotrya (Popcorn Cassia) to 2.5m, is distinguished by narrower, darker leaves, popcorn-scented smaller flowers with contrasting dark buds. It prefers better drained soils.

Senna magnifolia (Hill Cassia) to 2m, from tropical inland Australia, strongly resembles *S. alata*, in flower and foliage, but is usually sparsely branched and its glossy leaves have orange midribs. Drought hardy, it needs full sun and free drainage.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It is grown widely through the tropics and subtropics, and in good condition maybe neutralized.

HORTICULTURE

Fast growing, and somewhat short-lived, they respond to early tip pruning to promote branching. They prefer moist soil and full sun.

REFERENCES

<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/Hort/GardenPubsAZ/FactSheet/SennaAlataCassiaAlataCandlebush.pdf>

http://www.killerplants.com/media/images/potw/20040830_full.jpg

<http://www.b-and-t-world-seeds.com/images/473.jpg>

www.LA3.com.au