

Amorpha fruticosa
False Indigo



Summer Foliage



Fall Fruit



Summer Flower

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, deciduous shrub

Appearance:

Height – 6 to 12 ft.

Aerial Spread – 12 to 20 ft.

Flower Color – Purple or bluish

Flowering Period – Mid-through late June

Fruit Description – Brown pods

Fruiting Period – Mid-August, persisting to late March

Habitat (Community): Shrub swamps, forested wetlands.

Hydrology:

Indicator Status – Facultative wetlands

Salinity – Resistant; tolerates infrequent flooding by water containing some salt

Non-Tidal Regime – Irregularly to seasonally inundated or saturated

Wildlife Benefits: Food and cover for bobwhite, waterfowl, marshbirds, shorebirds, small mammals.

Distribution: New England to Minnesota and Saskatchewan, south to Florida and Texas (varieties occur across this range)