

Deer Pea: *Vigna luteola*



Deer Pea is a native, perennial, herbaceous vine that has trailing or twining branches which can grow up to 3 ft. in length or longer.

It flowers from April to November and produces several fairly large seeds in pods 1-2 ½ in. long. Its vines often form dense mats over other vegetation. Deer pea grows in wet pastures, along levees, elevated ridges and on well-drained sites along the edge of freshwater to brackish swamps.

Deer Pea, like all legumes, is a soil builder, fixing nitrogen in the soil. It provides food for deer and the seeds are eaten by many small birds. It is recommended for natural landscapes, habitat restorations, and butterfly gardens as it is a larval host plant for many butterflies.

