

Rattlebox: *Sesbania drummondii*

Also called Poisonbean, Rattlebush



Rattlebox has many branches in the upper part of the plant that are well-separated and with few leaves, giving it a rather spare appearance. When the seeds mature they are loose in the pod and rattle when shaken, suggesting the name rattlebush.

This shrub can form dense stands in a fresh marsh that is subjected to occasional dry periods. The seeds are poisonous and rarely used by wildlife; the foliage is not eaten due to its offensive odor.

Rattlebox competes for space with other more desirable plants but does provide cover for wildlife in areas that would otherwise be unavailable.

