

Establishing Quail Covey Headquarters Information Sheet

Seed Together the Following Species
**False Indigo Bush, *Amorpha fruticosa* and
 Showy Tick Trefoil, *Desmodium canadense***

Specifications:

Planting Location

- ~Headquarters should be located every 5-40 acres adjacent to wildlife friendly grasses/legumes and tilled soils.
- ~Select site where edge cover needed, preferably next to the early-successional vegetation listed above, in areas having at least 50% time in full sunlight.
- ~Spring planting dates similar to other native legumes for your area.

Site Preparation

- ~Prepare a seedbed by disking the site several times. The size of the site to be seeded is 50 feet long by 30 feet wide for totaling 1500 square feet.
- ~ Firm the site by rolling or driving over the area before broadcasting the species.
- ~Thoroughly mix the seed of both species in a bucket use pellet lime to improve seed distribution while broadcasting.
- ~ For even seed distribution on the 1500 square foot seed area, broadcast the seed by hand or cyclone seeder.
- ~Roll the entire seeding area before and after seeding to improve the seed to soil contact.
- ~The seeding rate for the False Indigo Bush is 12#PLS/acre. The seeding rate for Showy Tick Trefoil is 2#PLS/acre. Both species are seeded together for this 1500 square foot Covey Headquarters. (1500 square feet equals 0.03 of an acre.)
- For a minimum size covey HQ (1500sq.ft.) use 0.4#PLS of False Indigo Bush and 0.07#PLS of Showy Tick Trefoil.



Showy Tick Trefoil

False Indigo Bush

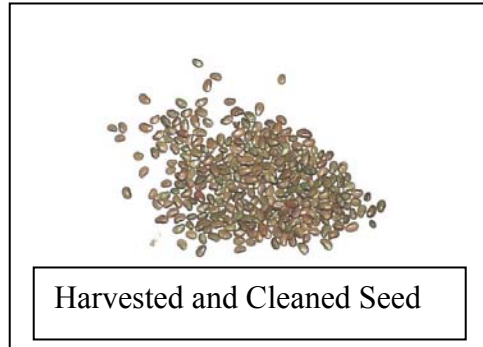
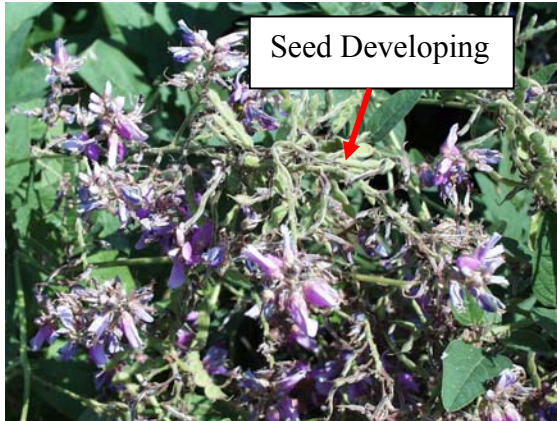


False Indigo 6' 15 months after planting

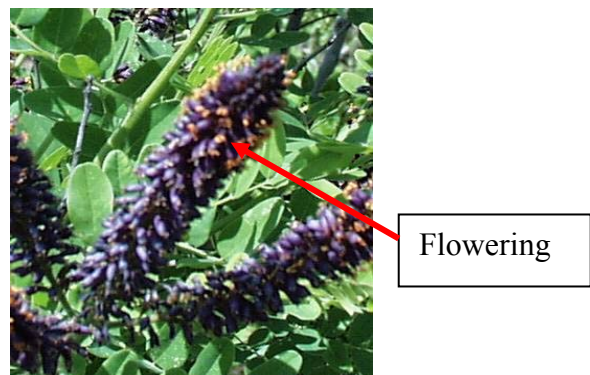
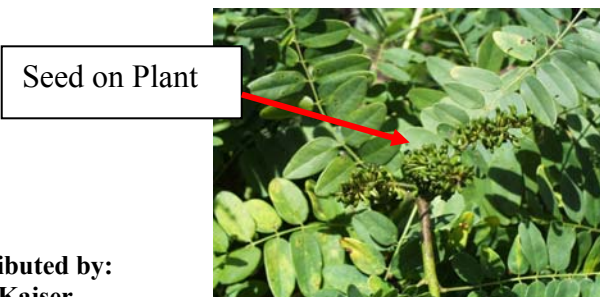
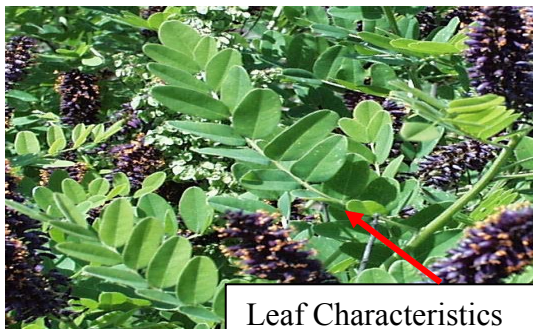
Maintenance (on Back side)

- ~Exclude livestock from the planting site.
- ~During the establishment year, use a grass herbicide such as (sethoxydim or Poast) for control of annual and perennial grasses.
- ~During the establishment year, mow above developing seedlings of False Indigo Bush and Showy Tick Trefoil plants to control any broadleaf weeds that would restrict sunlight.

Flowering and seed development of Showy Tick Trefoil



Flowering, leaf, and seed development of False Indigo



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