
Habitat: Chinese lespedeza invades a wide variety of habitats including fields, prairies, pond borders, swamps, meadows, open woodlands and disturbed grounds.

General Description: A perennial growing from 3 to 6 feet in height with one to many leafy stems branching from mid-plant.

Distinctive Characteristics: Leaves are alternate with 3 leaflets. Flowering occurs from July to September. Clusters of 1 to 3 pea-like flowers crowded in upper leaf axils which are white with purple marks.

Growth Habit: Subshrub, Forb/Herb

Distribution: Found throughout the southeastern United States as well as the Mid-West and Mid-Atlantic states.

Chinese Lespedeza *Lespedeza cuneata*



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Family: Fabaceae (Pea Family)

