

Sophora nuttalliana

Silky Sophora



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Plant type:

Rhizomatous Perennial

Season of Interest:

Spring-Early Summer

Height: 4-12"

Spread: x

Water needs:

Low

Native Region:

CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY

Elevation:

to 7,500'

Important to know:

Easily mistaken for an Astragalus



Pollinator Info:

Unkown

Characteristics:

Spreads through rhizomes.



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Ease of Propagation: Medium

Propagation: Cleaning is a challenge. Enveloping the loment completely in a tarp (to contain runaway seeds) and stomping with heavy soled boots would work. Sandpapering with coarse sandpaper, then crushing with a rolling pin and finally scraping around on a strong soil sieve wire works but is time consuming. Seeds can be stored dry for many years at 40-70°.

Before sowing, scarify the seeds with sandpaper and a boiling water soak. Inoculate (opt). Sow the seeds in deep cells or in situ either in late fall or in spring. Cover the seeds well.