

Amorpha fruticosa

False Indigo, Desert Indigobush

LARGE SHRUB - summer deciduous.
3 - 8' (to 12') high, equal spread.
Dense, shrubby.
Flowers an intense purple - early
spring. Aromatic.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub,
chaparral; stream banks, canyons
below 5000': throughout south-
ern California but also to Mani-
toba and north Mexico.

Full sun–part shade. Frost resistant.
Well drained soil. No summer water
needed, but likes moist soil.
Pruning improves the shape.

Good for erosion control, windbreaks, conser-
vation plantings, wildlife habitat.



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