

CAROLINA BUSH PEA

Thermopsis villosa

Aka: False lupine



Description: An upright, clump-forming perennial which features erect, dense, spike-like yellow, lupine-like flowers which bloom in early summer. Flowers fade to long-lasting flat seed pods atop hairy stems.

Natural Habitat: In dry open woods and along roadsides.

Size: 3-5 ft.

Growth Rate: Moderate

Light: Full sun.

Planting and Care: Rich, well drained soil. Good tolerance to summer heat and drought. Difficult to transplant because of long tap roots. Underused and easy-to-grow with a wide hardiness range

Landscape Usage: Used in wildflower gardens, meadows, or middle or rear of borders or cutting gardens. Good tolerance to summer heat and drought.

Wildlife Benefits: Attracts butterflies.