



Amorpha canescens 'Lead plant

Description

Native status: Oklahoma

Straight Species: Yes

WETLAND STATUS: Great Plains- FACU

(Facultative Upland Plants)-Usually occur in non-wetlands (estimated probability 67% - 99%) but may occur in wetlands (estimated probability 1% - 33%)

Genus: Amorpha **Species:** canescens **Family:** Fabaceae

Ht-3'-4'

*Host plant- numerous butterflies and moths, including the Leadplant Flower Moth (*Schinia lucens*), Magdalen Underwing (*Catocala illecta*), Southern Dogface sulfur (*Zerene cesonia*), Eastern Tailed-Blue (*Cupido comyntas*), and the Silver Spotted Skipper (*Epargyreus clarus*).

Nitrogen-fixing ability aids in overall soil health

Provides Nectar and Pollen for Adult Butterflies, Moths, Bees or Other Pollinators

Lead Plant is a prairie perennial that forms a small rounded shrub about three foot high, covered in silvery-green foliage. It blooms from June to August. Spikes of purple flowers and bright orange anthers. It prefers dry to mesic soils.