Weed Alert!
Red sesbania

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(Sesbania punicea)

Mature Size  Shoulder

Description
- Deciduous shrub or small tree to 15 ft. tall, member of the pea family
- Reddish-orange ½-1 in. long flowers grow in dense drooping clusters
- Seedpods are 3-4 in. long, dark brown and have 4 wings running longitudinally down the pod
- Alternate leaves with 5-20 pairs of 1 in. long dark-green leaflets
- Young branches are thin and green but turn dark red-brown with age
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by waterways and horticulture
- Native to South America

Bloom Period  Mar - Oct

Habitat  Riparian

2-Minute Removal  Dig

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