

AMORPHA FRUTICOSA

INDIGO BUSH

A LARGE PLANT WITH AGE, REACHING 15' HIGH AND SPREADING, THIS NATIVE OF CALIFORNIA AND FAR BEYOND IS POSSIBLY BEST KNOWN AS THE HOST PLANT FOR THE SOUTHERN DOGFACE BUTTERFLY. FOUND ON NORTH FACING SLOPES AND AT STREAMSIDES, IT SHARES HABITAT IN OUR STATE WITH WILD ROSES AND SNOWBERRY. THE THICKETING NATURE AND EXTENSIVE FIBROUS ROOT SYSTEM MAKE IT UNPARALLELED FOR EROSION CONTROL IN THESE AREAS. THE UNUSUAL BLOSSOMS OCCUR IN SPRING AND CONSIST OF SPIKES OF NUMEROUS SINGLE-PETALED, DARK PLUM-COLORED BLOSSOMS WITH MANY YELLOW ANTHERS EACH. TOLERATES SEASONAL FLOODING AND CLAY TO SANDY SOILS WHEREVER MOISTURE IS PRESENT.

ZONES 2-8



PARTIAL SHADE