

## Thunberg's lespedeza

### *Lespedeza thunbergii*

#### Description

Introduced to provide legume food and cover to popular game animals such as ring-neck pheasants, bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbits and white-tailed deer. Capable of nitrogen fixing.

#### Habit

Perennial legume growing between 4-6 feet tall with stems reaching about 1/2 inch in diameter.

#### Leaves

2 inches long and 1/2 inch wide, more linear than oval.

#### Stems

Die back to the ground annually, about 1/2 inch in diameter.

#### Flowers

Pink to purple in color.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Small, black, bean-like seeds are singly produced in pods that open when mature. Capable of





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producing 300-500 pounds of seed per acre  
(72,000 seeds per pound).

### **Habitat**

Native to eastern Asia. Can be found in well drained soils.

### **Reproduction**

By seed.

### **Similar**

### **Credits**

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