

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.

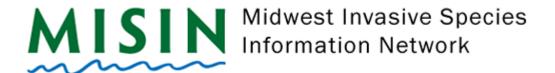
Flowers

Pink to purple in color.

Fruits and Seeds

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





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.

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