**Cassia fasciculata**
Partridge Pea

The seedling is tall, with large round cotyledons.

Each individual leaf is comprised of 5-18 pairs of leaflets arranged in perfect symmetry.

The first true leaves are distinctive and characteristic of *Cassia fasciculata*.

Note that the leaves are arranged alternately along the stem, while leaflets are in opposite pairs within a leaf.

*Cassia fasciculata* grows close to the ground with upright or spreading stems.

This leaf has 11 pairs of leaflets.

Notice the tiny spine on the tip of each leaflet and the dark saucer-shaped gland at the base of each leaf.

Long flat seed pods develop in late summer.

*Cassia fasciculata* is a low growing, short-lived plant which readily self-seeds.

The large bright yellow flowers are a favorite of pollinators.