Cassia (Senna) in Central Australia
A Guide to Identification

Senna is a large genus of flowering plants in the legume family Fabaceae. The leaves of this genus are pinnate with opposite paired leaflets, inflorescences have five sepals and five yellow petals, and the fruit is a legume pod containing several seeds. They can be germinated easily from seed once a corner has been nicked to allow water to penetrate. In central Australia, there are many species, some of which are shown below.
**Blunt-leaf Cassia**
*Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii*

**Senna artemisioides subsp. 'Kuyunba'**

**Oval-leaf Cassia**
*Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla*

**Woody Cassia**
*Senna artemisioides subsp. petiolaris*

**Four-leaf Desert Senna**
*Senna artemisioides subsp. quadrifolia*

**Dense Cassia**
*Senna artemisioides nothosubsp. sturtii*
Sticky Cassia
*Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa*

White Cassia
*Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa*

Cockroach Bush
*Senna notabilis*

Coffee Senna, Sickle Pod
*Senna occidentalis*
Chocolate Bush  
*Senna pleurocarpa var. pleurocarpa*

Graceful Cassia  
*Senna venusta*