

Spider Flower



Cleome serrulata Pursh

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The spider flower, or bee plant as it is sometimes called, is an annual, one to three feet tall. Leaves are divided into three leaflets and the flowers are usually pink. Each flower has six long exserted stamens and the fruits are stipitate. The plants prefer sandy places and in good years they may be very conspicuous along some roadsides.