PLANT FACT SHEET

Baptisia tinctoria (L.) R. Br.

GENUS *Baptisia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild indigo, House-fly weed, Rattlebush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Shoots

The young shoots are cooked and eaten.
The roots are used in medicine.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 1.2 m high and spreads 60 cm wide. across. It in mush branched. The leaves are like clover leaves. They are 8 cm across. The flower stalks arch over and are 10 cm long. They are small, yellow and like pea flowers.

HABITAT

It grows in well-drained sandy soil. It does best in a sunny position. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from ripe seed or by division.

NOTES

There are about 17-20 Baptisia species. They grow in the USA. It is mainly used as a medicine.

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