PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Psoralea corylifolia L.

GENUS *Psoralea* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Prairie turnip

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It is erect and grows 60-125 cm high. The stems are hairy. The leaves are alternate and have one leaflet. The leaf blade is 4-8 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are heart shaped. There are teeth along the edge and a tip at the end. The flowers are in a group. There are 3 flowers in the axil of each bract. The fruit are 4.5 mm long and oval. They are black and have pits.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds. They are planted 30 cm apart, Plants can last 5-7 years.

NOTES

The seeds are used in medicine. They contain psoralens or furocoumarins.

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