PLANT FACT SHEET

Senna alexandrina Mill.

GENUS *Senna* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian senna

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Seeds, Fruit

Caution: Has laxative properties.
The leaves are used for a herbal tea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It can grow to 1 m high. The branches have short hairs. The leaves are alternate and compound. They have leaflets along the stalk. There are 16-24 leaflets on short stalks. The leaflets slightly overlap. They have a sharp tip. They are more pale underneath. The flowers are large and bright yellow. They are arranged irregularly. They are 5 cm across on stalks 2.5 cm long. The fruit is a short pod 8-11 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. There are 12-20 seeds each in a separate cavity.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are 100 Cassia species. This group has been revised to a smaller more consistent group. Also as Caesalpinaceae.

PICTURES



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