PLANT FACT SHEET

Decaisnea fargesii Franchet

GENUS *Decaisnea* **FAMILY** Lardizabalaceae

COMMON NAMES Blue bean shrub, Blue sausage fruit

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The white pulp of the ripe fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An upright deciduous shrub. It grows 3-6 m high and spreads 6 m wide. The leaves are 75 cm long. They are divided into leaflets along the stalk. There are up to 25 leaflets. The flowers are lime-green and bell shaped. They hang in long stalks. The fruit are pea pod shaped. The seeds are black and surrounded by white pulp.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs a moist, well-drained location. It needs a protected, sunny position. It grows in hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are (1) 2 Decaisnea species.

PICTURES



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