PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria eremaea F. Muell

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Rattlepod, Bluebush Pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub. It grows 0.2-1 m high and spreads 0.5-1.5 m wide. It spreads by suckers. The stems are branched and hairy. The leaves have 1-3 leaflets. The leaflets are 2-5 cm long by 0.5-2 cm wide. They are oval, blunt and silvery grey. The flowering clusters are 10-15 cm long and loose. The flowers are 1-1.5 cm long and yellow. The fruit is a pod 2-3 cm long. It is inflated and silvery grey.

HABITAT

It grows on sand hills and flood plains along inland streams in Australia. It suits arid and warm inland areas. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, root cuttings or suckers. It can spread by suckers and be cut back to regrow.

NOTES

There are about 550 Crotalaria species. They are mostly tropical.

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