PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria cunninghamii R. Br.

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Parrot Pea, Dwarf birdflower, Green Birdflower, Rattlepod birdflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar, Flowers, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium sized shrub. It grows 1-2.5 m high and spreads 0.5-2 m across. The leaves are soft and hairy. They are 3-8 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The flowers are 2.5-3 cm long. The flowers are long and yellow green. They are streaked with fine black lines. They are like a bird. The fruit are hairy pods. They are 2-4 cm long.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate regions and suits arid and semiarid places. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in dry soil and full sunlight. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or stem cuttings.

NOTES

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

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