PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Mucuna macrocarpa* Wallich

**GENUS** *Mucuna* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Large fruited mucuna

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Flower, Leaves

The flower is eaten as a potherb.

## DESCRIPTION

A large woody vine. The young stems have fine hairs. The leaves are 25-33 cm long. They have leaflets that are oval and 10-19 cm long by 5-10 cm wide. The flowering stalks arise from old stems and are 5-23 cm long. The flowers are greenish white with purple wings. The pods are 26-48 cm long by 3-5 cm wide and 7-10 mm thick. There are 6-15 seeds that are disk shaped and 2-3 cm long by 2-3 cm wide and 5-10 mm thick.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests on dry sandy land between 800-3,000 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

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