PLANT FACT SHEET

Medicago arborea L.

GENUS *Medicago* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Moon trefoil, Tree Medick

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 2-4 m high. The young stems are white and silky. The leaves have 3 leaflets. They are downy and greyish-green. The leaflets are oval and widest above the middle and narrow at the base. The flowers are pea-like and yellow. They are in round heads or 4-8 flowers. The fruit are spirally twisted seed pods. They are like snail shells. They are 12-15 mm long with a hole in the centre.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It can be grown in coastal places. It grows in rocky places especially near cliffs. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

There are about 55 Medicago species.

PICTURES



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