PLANT FACT SHEET

Poisonous

This plant, or parts of it, can be poisonous. Do not eat it unless you know which parts are safe and how they must be prepared.

Food Plants International: Seeds are poisonous.

Colutea arborescens L.

GENUS *Colutea* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Bladder senna

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

The seeds are poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2.5 m tall. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 9-13 leaflets. They are broadly oval and bright green. There are 4-5 flowers in a group. They are pea shape and reddish on the petals. The fruit is an inflated pod. It is 2-3 cm long and has many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in open locations and on limestone soils. It grows in hardiness zones 6-8.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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