PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Senna didymobotrya (Fresen.) H. S. Irwin &Barneby

GENUS *Senna* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Medicine

Several drinks are made from the leaves and roots to treat several diseases. They should only ever be used in very small and processed amounts.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows up to 3 m tall. There can be several stems. The young leaves and branches are hairy. The leaves can be 35 cm long. They are oval to heart shaped. The flower petals are yellow. The pods are 8-10 cm long by 1.6-1.8 cm wide. There are 9-16 seeds. The seeds are dull brown and 7-8 mm long by 4-5 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

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