PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria recta Steud. ex A. Rich.

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A tall herb or shrub. It grows 1.8 m high. It is stiffly erect with few branches. It has some fine hairs. The stem has some ribs. The leaf stalk is 4 cm long. The leaflets are broadly oval. They are 9 cm long by 5 cm wide. They have a blunt tip with a small point. There are many large flowers. They are in 45 cm long groups at the ends of branches. They are yellow. The fruit is a pod 5 cm long by 1.5 cm wide. It becomes more broad towards the end.

HABITAT

In Swaziland it is in the high veld only.

NOTES

It is easily damaged by Fusarium wilt.

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