PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria vasculosa Wall. ex Benth.

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

An annual shrub. The lower branches hang down. The leaves have short leaf stalks. The leaves are compound with 3 leaflets. The leaflets are 3-8 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They are narrowly oval. The flowering stalks are short and at the top of the plant. They are 3-17 cm long with many flowers. The flowers are pale yellow with purple veins. The pod does not have a stalk. The pod is 2 cm long and cylinder shaped but with a pint. It is covered with brown hairs. There are about 20 seeds. The seeds are 2.5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 1,100 m above sea level. It grows in open woodland, grassland and along streams.

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