PLANT FACT SHEET

Amorpha fruticosa L.

GENUS *Amorpha* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Indigo bush, False indigo, Itachi-hagi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - spice

The fruit or pod is crushed and used as a condiment.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It can grow 2-6 m tall. The leaves are 15-30 cm long with 11-25 leaflets. These are 1-4 cm long and oval. The flowers are in a group at the end. These are 8-15 cm long. The fruit is 8-10 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 2-8. It grows in wet areas. In Sichuan.

NOTES

There are about 25 Amorpha species.

PICTURES



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