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GENUS *Smithia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are cooked and used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It grows 50-80 cm high. It is much branched. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. These end abruptly. There are 2-8 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are yellow and 1 or 2 occur together. They are in the axils of the upper leaves.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in grassy fields and on grassy slopes. In southern China it grows in sandy areas and mountain valleys between 200-400 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 30 Smithia species.

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