PLANT FACT SHEET

Vicia japonica A. Gray

GENUS *Vicia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 60-120 cm tall. The stems can be climbing or trailing. The leaves are 5-15 cm long and have 5-8 pairs of leaflets. The leaflets are 10-30 mm long by 6-14 mm wide. The flowers are in groups of 7-15 and are blue or purple. The pod is 15-25 mm long and has 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In northern China it grows on hill slopes and riverbanks between 600-3,700 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 140 Vicia species. They are mostly temperate.

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