PLANT FACT SHEET

Tephrosia purpurea subsp. leptostachya (L.) Pers., (DC.) Brummitt

GENUS *Tephrosia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are eaten as a green vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It can grow each year from seeds or keep growing for a few years. It grows 1 m high.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can tolerate frost. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 900-1,500 mm. It grows in deep, dry, sandy soils. It grows between sea level to 1,500 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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