PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Crotalaria glauca* Willd.

**GENUS** *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Grass-leaved crotalaria

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves, Pods, Flowers, Fruit, Vegetable

The leaves, flowers are young pods are eaten as a pot herb.

## DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It grows 1 m high. The stems are slender. The leaves are simple and 8.5 cm long and narrow. The flowers are pale yellow. The fruit are pods and 2.5-3.5 cm long. There are 3 subspecies.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in long grass and wet waste places. It grows between 500-2,280 m above sea level. It grows in savannah woodland. It can grow in arid places.

## NOTES

There are about 550 Crotalaria species. They are mostly tropical.

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