PLANT FACT SHEET

Eriosema ellipticum Welw. ex Baker

GENUS *Eriosema* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An erect shrub. It has many branches. It can grow 1-3 m tall. The branches are black. Young parts can have a rusty covering of hairs. There is usually one leaflet but there can be three. They are silver or grey underneath. They are 3-9 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. There are hairs underneath. The flower clusters are at the ends of branches. The standard is yellow and the keel is a paler yellow. The fruit are pods 2-3 cm long by 1 cm wide. They have a dense covering or golden or grey hairs. The seeds are black and shiny. They are 6-8 mm long by 4-5 mm wide and 3 mm thick.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in arid places.

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