PLANT FACT SHEET

Lotus halophilus Boiss. & Spruner

GENUS *Lotus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Greater Bird'sfoot trefoil, Garn al ghazal, Gazelle's horn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It has 3-4 stems. They branch from the base and grow close to the ground. The stems are grey and have short hairs. The leaves are compound and hairy. There are 3-4 leaflets and these vary in length. The flowers are small, yellow and pea like. The fruit are brown pods. They are long, narrow and cylinder shaped.

HABITAT

A Mediterranean plant. It can tolerate salt. It grows in sandy soils.

NOTES

There are about 100 Lotus species.

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