PLANT FACT SHEET

Lathyrus palustris L.

GENUS *Lathyrus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Slenderstem peavine, Marsh pea, Wild pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Plant, Vegetable

CAUTION: Poisonous unless treated. It can cause the legs to become paralysed.
The seeds are eaten. In small quantities they do not cause problems.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 30-100 cm high. The leaves are narrow and in pairs. The flowers are purple and pea like. They are 1.3 cm long. The pods are narrow and 3-4 cm long. There is a beak at the tip.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It likes moisture. In China it grows in marshes and rice fields. It grows from sea level to 3,500 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 150 Lathyrus species.

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