PLANT FACT SHEET

Scorpiurus muricatus L.

GENUS *Scorpiurus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Prickly Scorpionstail

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: pod, Leaves, Stems, Roots

The young pods are eaten as a vegetable.
The young leaves are used in stews and raw in salads. They are also boiled and then fried.

DESCRIPTION

A low sprawling annual herb. It has simple leaves. The leaves are oval but broadest above the middle. They often have 3 prominent parallel veins. The flowers are yellow and can have red or purple spots. They are 5-10 mm long. They are in long stalked clusters of 2-5 flowers. The fruit are curled pods. They are 30-50 mm long. Sometimes these have long slender processes on them.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in fields and waste places.

NOTES

There are 2 Scorpiurus species.

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