PLANT FACT SHEET

Raphanus sativus var. caudatus (L.) L. H. Bailey

GENUS *Raphanus* **FAMILY** Brassicaceae

COMMON NAMES Rat-tail radish, Potting radish

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Seed pods, Vegetable

The pods are eaten raw or cooked. They are used in pickles. They are also used in curries.
The young leaves are eaten raw with fish.
The flowers are used in salads.

DESCRIPTION

A cabbage family herb. It grows for one or two years. It grows 30-90 cm high. It has a long root. The stem is erect at first. The leaves are harp shaped. They can have some hairs. The flowers are in loose clusters. These are 10-36 cm long. The pods are long. Pods can be 1 m long. They are often 20-30 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs a cool climate and full sun.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The pods are best harvested young before they become too fibrous.

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