PLANT FACT SHEET

Aeschynomene americana L.

GENUS *Aeschynomene* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Shy leaf, American joint vetch

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: leaves

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 2 m tall. The leaves can be 7 cm long. They have several pairs of narrow leaflets. These fold up when touched. The flowering shoots have a group of flowers 1 cm long. The fruit is a curved pod up to 4 cm long. It has several joints and each one contains a seed.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

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