PLANT FACT SHEET

Desmodium lanceolatum (Dunn) Schindl.

GENUS *Desmodium* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A woody herb. It can grow 1.5 m tall. The stems are angular and can be erect, arch over or lie over. The leaves have one leaflet. The leaves are 1-15 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. The seeds are kidney shaped and 2 mm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows from sea level to 2,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 350 Desmodium species. They are mostly in the tropics.

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