PLANT FACT SHEET

Cistanche tubulosa (Schrenk) Wight

GENUS *Cistanche* **FAMILY** Orobanchaceae

COMMON NAMES Desert broomrape, Dhunun

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The root is roasted and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A fleshy herb. It grows attached to other plants. It is yellow brown. It grow 30-60 cm high. It often has a purplish tinge. It is erect and often 5 cm across at the base. It has scales 2-3 cm long by 10-15 mm wide. Flowers can vary between purplish-yellow to white.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows along coastlines. It is highly salt tolerant.

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