PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria quinquefolia L.

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or herb. It grows 0.5-1.5 m tall and spreads 0.5-1 m wide. The stems are hollow. The leaves are compound and have 3-7 leaflets. The leaflets are 3-8 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. They are narrowly sword shaped. The flowering stalks are 10-15 cm long and at the ends of branches. The flowers are 2-3.5 cm long and yellow. The fruit are pods which are 4-6 cm long. The stalk of the pod is 1.2 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in uncultivated fields, and swampy places. It needs well drained soils and a sunny location.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seed need to be treated to break the hard seed coat.

NOTES

There are about 550 Crotalaria species. They are mostly tropical.

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