PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria linifolia L. f.

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Narrow leaf Rattlepod

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young shoots are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 20-60 cm high and spreads 50 cm wide. It has a thick taproot. The branches have long hairs. The leaves are 2-5 cm long by 0.5-1 cm wide. The flower clusters are loose and at the ends of branches. The flowers are 1 cm long and yellow. The fruit is a pod 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It suits tropical areas. It grows from coastal to inland regions. In southern China it grows in sandy areas along sea shores and between 400-2,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

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

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