PLANT FACT SHEET

Tephrosia pumila (Lam.) Pers.

GENUS *Tephrosia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A scrambling herb. It is mostly about 1 m long. Mostly it grows each year from seed but it can live for a few years. It has spreading hairs on the stems. There are 7-13 leaflets which are oblong or wedge shaped. They are 0.5-2 cm long by 2-6 mm wide. There is a point at the tip. The flowers are about 1 cm long in short clusters at the ends of stems or opposite the leaves. These stalks of flowers are 1-6 cm long. The flowers are white and pink or purple. The fruit are thin curved pods. which curve upwards towards the tip. Pods are 3.5-4 cm long and 3.3-4 mm wide. They are covered with short hairs. There are 8-14 seeds in the pods. The seeds are close together.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Plants mostly grow naturally near beaches and in coastal scrub on coral. In Papua New Guinea they grow from sea level to 75 m altitude. In Africa it grows from sea level to 1,500 m above sea level.

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