PLANT FACT SHEET

Canavalia lineata (Thunb.) DC.

GENUS *Canavalia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Beach bean

DESCRIPTION

A twining vine. It can be 5 m long. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves are oval and 6-14 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. They are softly hairy. The base is wedge shaped and it is rounded at the tip. The flowers are on the axils of leaves. They are purplish red. The fruit is an oblong pod 6-10 cm long by 3 cm wide. The seeds are brown. There are 2 to 3 oval seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy beaches.

NOTES

There are about 50 Canavalia species.

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