PLANT FACT SHEET

Medicago falcata L.

GENUS *Medicago* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow lucerne, Sickle medick

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers

The flowers and young leaves are used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. The stem can be 80 cm long. It can be erect or lie over. The leaflets are 5-20 mm long by 2-6 mm wide. They are broadly oval. The fruit are 8-11 mm long by 2.5 mm wide. There are 2-8 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on grassy slopes and dry sandy fields. In Nepal it grows at 500 m above sea level. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 500 m above sea level. In the Indian Himalayas it grows between 3,000-4,500 m above sea level. Tasmania Herbarium.

NOTES

There are about 56 Medicago species.

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